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# the Montrose Mirror

Issue No. 545 Aug. 7, 2023

## IEC HEARING ON MATTER OF DAVE BOWMAN CONTINUES

*'The City of Montrose was part of the problem,' -Complainant West Slope Advocate*  
*'This seems like some dystopian future,' -Respondent's Atty Brian Kidnay*



On Tuesday, Aug. 1, Colorado's Independent Ethics Commission (IEC) continued its July 18 hearing on the merits of a complaint about former Montrose Mayor Dave Bowman. Hearing screenshot.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-On Tuesday, Aug. 1, Colorado's Independent Ethics Commission (IEC) continued its July 18 hearing on the merits of a complaint about former Montrose Mayor Dave Bowman. The complaint specifically addresses Bowman's actions involving the non-profit Montrose Summer Music Series that he created and continues to operate, and the former Divot's Restaurant leased and operated by Janece Culver at the City-owned Black Canyon Golf Course (BCGC).

**Background**-On July 6, 2020, Montrose restaurateur Janece Culver and the Western Slope Advocate (Scott Damman) filed a complaint with the Colorado

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## FLASHING CROSSWALKS TO GO IN AT FOUR LOCATIONS, CHILD SEX ASSAULTS INCREASE IN CITY

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE- All Council members were present for the [regular meeting](#) of the Montrose City Council on Tuesday, Aug. 1. Mayor Barbara Bynum said, "I am going to call to order the regular City Council meeting for the City of Montrose." She asked all to join her in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tem J. David Reed asked that Resolution 2023-13, rescinding the City Manager's declaration of a public health emergency within the City of Montrose, Colorado, be removed from the agenda. **CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Speaking during the time for public comment was Judy Bunyard of the non-profit Forekin Trails Genealogical Society. After 13 years in the present location at 700 East Main Street, "We are concerned about our building being more actively promoted for sale. We are concerned about the future of our genealogy center...whether we will be able to continue to manage the center...we're looking

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During the regular City Council meeting of Tuesday, Aug. 1, Ordinance 2633 was approved on second reading, designating the Methodist Episcopal Church of Montrose, 19 S. Park Ave., Montrose, Colorado, (pictured above) as a City of Montrose Historic Property Pursuant to § 11-3 of the Official Code of the City of Montrose.

Historian Bob Cox:  
[A Love Story Lost in Time!](#)

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Business Owner David White: [Op-Ed on Montrose Regional Airport Terminal Expansion Project!](#)



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# HWY 50 FATALITY UNDER INVESTIGATION

## Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE—On Thursday, Aug. 3 at 5am, a 26-year-old male driver in a Subaru Outback Legacy was ejected in a single vehicle rollover accident at Mile Marker 78. The driver was not wearing a seatbelt and died at the scene. Colorado State Patrol Master Trooper Gary Cutler said that the westbound vehicle drifted to the right side, overcorrected, and returned to the roadway before rolling. Law enforcement is investigating the possibility that drugs were involved. The identity of the driver has not yet been released.

# ISLER RETIRES AFTER SIX YEARS AS MONTROSE COUNTY BOE HEARING OFFICER

## Mirror staff Report

MONTROSE—The Montrose County Board of County Commissions convened for a special meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 2. All commissioners were present, with BOCC Chair Sue Hansen attending virtually. Commissioners joined in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Assistant County Manager Emily Sanchez had no changes to the meeting agenda. Commissioners left regular session to

reconvene as the Montrose County Board of Equalization.

Board of Equalization Hearing Officer Jim Isler said it has been his sixth and most challenging year and will be his last doing the job. “This was the most challenging I think to everybody involved...I really wish you hadn’t used the new assessment times last year’s tax rates...this is true in all three counties, I do Delta and San Miguel as well...people went nuts...”

Isler presented the first 37 items. BOCC Chair Sue Hansen thanked him for his work on behalf of the County. Said Isler, “It’s been a fun 13 years, and I am quite happy to retire.”

Following a brief recess, Hearing Officer Ken Brownlee presented the remaining 22 items.

Following the Board of Equalization hearing, Commissioners returned to regular session, and voted to adjourn.

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# TERMINAL EXPANSION COMPLETE BY SEPT. 1

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) convened for a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 2. BOCC Vice Chair Roger Rash called the meeting to order; Commissioner Keith Caddy led all in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Planner Tallmadge Richmond delivered the invocation. "...Please bless Commissioner Rash and his family for their recent loss...we're so grateful for all our many blessings and the great relationships we have in Montrose, please bless us to remember those and treat each other with kindness and love."

All commissioners were in attendance, with BOCC Chair Sue Hansen attending virtually.

## PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments heard from the public on non-agenda items.

## COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Jon Waschbusch had no changes to the meeting agenda.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioners voted to approve Consent Agenda items, with Resolution No. 31-2023 assigned to Item 6; Resolution No. 32-2023 assigned to Item 7; Resolution No. 33-2023 assigned to Item 8; Resolution No. 34-2023 assigned to Item 11; Resolution No. 35-2023 assigned to Item 12; Resolution No. 36-2023 assigned to Item 13; Resolution No. 37-2023 assigned to Item 15; and Resolution 38-2023 assigned to Item 16.

## GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Montrose Regional Airport Director of Aviation Lloyd Arnold presented for consideration Change Order No. 8 in reference to the Federal Grants AIP-56, AIP-59, AIP-60, AIP-61, AIP-62 for the Terminal Expansion Project. This includes Federal and Non-Federal items. Total cost is \$374,091.74 bringing the total cost of work described from \$33,131,241.45 to \$35,910,959.72.

Commissioners voted unanimously to

approve. Arnold said the terminal expansion is scheduled for completion by Sept. 1. "...We're at a point where things are moving very quickly."

Commissioners voted unanimously to approve.

Child Support Manager Christine Sorenson presented a proclamation declaring August, 2023 as Child Support Awareness Month in Montrose County. Commissioners thanked Sorenson for her efforts and voted unanimously to approve the proclamation.

## PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Planning & Development Director Tallmadge Richmond presented the Yeager Minor Subdivision Extension [EXT23-004] proposal to extend an approval of a Minor Subdivision to file an approved Plat at Parcel 372308200010, 57382 DALIA RD. Commissioner voted unanimously to approve.

With no further business and no executive session, Commissioners voted to adjourn.

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# OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

## I'M PROUD OF MY FLAG AND WHAT IT STANDS FOR

*Editor;*

With all the despicable Trump persecutions going on by the Communist Left Democrats and federal law enforcement covering for the Biden crime family espionage ...attention is directed away from the IRS spending \$millions on weapons and tactical gear. Since 2006 the IRS has spent over \$35 million on weapons and tactical gear with over \$10 million being spent since 2020 alone. A report released in April showed the IRS has spent \$2.3 million on ammunition, \$1.2 million on ballistic shields, \$474,000 on Smith and Wesson rifles, \$463,000 on Beretta 1301 tactical shotguns, and \$243,000 on body armor. (But haven't they led us all to believe they hate guns?? And why should they have them if us citizens can't???) That report also shows \$1.3 million spent on "various other gear for criminal investigation agents." How can this be so for a gun-hating, peaceful government agency whose mission is to only provide America's taxpayers top quality service by helping them "understand and meet their tax responsibilities and to enforce the law with integrity and fairness to all?" WHAT??? Where is the integrity and fairness in not making the Bidens pay their \$millions in back taxes?? They just want to pick on the easy helpless small taxpayer like waitresses, barbers, hair dressers, mechanics, and all small business owners. However, the agency has also loaded up on hundreds of \$ thousands' worth of tactical lighting, gear bags, holsters, ballistic helmets and optic sights for the weapons they have purchased since the pandemic. Before 2020, the IRS had already stockpiled over five million rounds of ammunition for its "special agents", which numbered a little over 2,000. The IRS also had already

owned over 4,500 firearms which include pump-action and semi-automatic shotguns, semi-automatic rifles, and sub machine guns. UH OOH! There's those ugly definitions of firearms the Democrat Left hate so much! It's alright for their non-criminal law enforcement agencies to have those awful weapons, but you untrustworthy American citizens just better get them out of your heads!!

According to the agency, new applicants must be willing to "carry a firearm; must be prepared to protect him/herself or others from physical attacks at any time and without warning and use firearms in life-threatening situations; and must be willing to use force up to and including the use of deadly force." This does not sound like an innocent, good-hearted bunch of just tax collectors. There are now more federal agents with arrest and firearm authority (200,000) than U.S. Marines (186,000) (probably less than that now with all their homosexual, woke and transgender hiring policies). In 2022, Spendocrat Biden gave the IRS over \$80 BILLION in NEW funding as part of his phony \$739 billion "Inflation Reduction Act" which didn't reduce inflation at all. No, this huge stockpile of weapons and ammo isn't just for collecting taxes. This is the beginning of a federal police force like Nazi Germany had. That's what the 87,000 additional agents trained to kill and massive weapon stockpile is for. Wake up Americans---don't be apathetic. The Communist Democrats have big ugly plans for America amid their smugness and lies.

I used to think I was pretty much just a regular person, but I was born white, into a two-parent household which now, whether I like it or not, according to Democrat Leftists' standards makes me privileged, a racist, and responsible for slavery.

I'm a fiscal and moral conservative, which by today's Democrat Leftist standards make me a fascist because I make my own decisions, budget my income, and support myself. I completed 12 years of school and have always held a job, but now the Democrat Leftists say that I didn't earn it because of that, it was because I was "advantaged" because I'm white. I'm not a Muslim either, which now labels me as an infidel. I am a senior citizen which makes me according to Democrat Leftists a "useless eater". I have common sense and think things through and doubt most of what the lame stream media tells me, which makes me a Right-wing conspiracy nut. I'm proud of my heritage and culture, making me a xenophobe. I believe in hard work, fair play, and fair reward according to each individual's merits, which makes me an anti-socialist and a racist. I believe our system guarantees freedom of effort--not freedom of outcome or subsidies, so now I am a borderline sociopath. I believe in the defense and protection of my nation, that makes me a right-wing extremist. I'm proud of my flag and what it stands for and hold dear those who died for it. I stand during our National Anthem---but now that makes me a racist also. Speaking of being racist, I'm having a hard time determining which highway I can drive on that isn't racist. I certainly don't want to run over anyone who isn't white! And I used to like to go camping, but now I feel guilty because Democrats say camping is racist!!

And what a glorious day when we can trade our child trafficker and hair sniffer for a president who loves America. May God bless Donald Trump! Let's hope we have an America left when he gets there!!  
*Jerry Bartholome, Montrose*

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### MONTROSE MAYOR BARBARA BYNUM ANNOUNCES CAMPAIGN FOR SENATE DISTRICT 5

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE – Montrose Mayor Barbara Bynum has announced her candidacy for Colorado Senate District 5.

"I've been proud to serve my community in Montrose as a city councilor and effective community advocate," Bynum said. "I'm running for Senate District 5 to fight for rural Colorado. Our rural communities need someone who will step up and bring together both sides of the aisle to find meaningful solutions for the problems we face daily--from healthcare costs, to childcare availability, to rural broadband access.

"My family chose to live in Montrose because of the quality of life and opportunities it provides us, and all Coloradans deserve those same opportunities."

In her time on city council, Bynum has been a strong voice for local infrastructure improvements, comprehensive childcare and housing studies, and investments that

diversify and strengthen the local economy.

As mayor, she was instrumental in a collaborative, regional approach during the pandemic to help local businesses navigate challenges.

Prior to serving on council, she was a leader in the campaign that successfully funded and built a recreation center in Montrose, and she served as vice president of the Montrose County School District RE-1J Board of Education.

Bynum is an active member of the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Mineral and Energy Impact Assistance Advisory Fund and the Colorado Municipal League's Executive Board.

Bynum has two children, and she and her husband Kelly have been married for nearly 30 years.

Senate District 5 includes Delta, Eagle, Garfield, Gunnison, Hinsale, Montrose, and Pitkin counties.



*Montrose Mayor Barbara Bynum. Courtesy photo.*

### MONTROSE COUNTY DEDICATES MORE THAN \$220,000 TO SUPPORT LOCAL SCHOOLS

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE— The Montrose Board of County Commissioners knows that our local schools are facing significant challenges in regard to facilities and capital improvements. As a result, when this year's Secure Rural Schools (SRS) funding was allocated to the county, the choice was clear—100 percent of the funds would be dedicated to help improve local educational opportunities and maximize the funding from the U.S. Forest Service Title I funds. "The county has a long history of supporting schools with 100 percent of SRS funds," said Commissioner Sue Hansen. "This year was no exception, as we know that the youth of today are tomorrow's leaders. Strong school systems are essential to our community, and we are proud to help make that happen."

Montrose County School District RE-1J Superintendent Dr. Carrie Stephenson indicated that the funds will be used for outdoor learning resources and opportunities for children. "Montrose County School District prioritizes outdoor learning opportunities and strives to instill an appreciation for our wonderful Western Slope for all students. We're grateful for Montrose County's investment of Forest Service funds in these efforts as we work together to improve learning outcomes for the children in our community," said Dr. Stephenson.

The funds will be distributed to Montrose County School District RE-1J (\$208,254.50), West End School District RE-2 (\$8,833.53), Delta County School District (\$6,755.05), and Norwood School District R-2J (\$2,078.48). The calculation

for disbursement of the funds is based on a per pupil count of the school districts serving students within Montrose County.

The funding is derived from the Secure Rural Schools Act (SRS Act), a bill that provides funding to rural counties and schools located near national forests across the United States.

Counties historically have the option of earmarking a portion of the funds to both local schools and county road and bridge operations; however, the Montrose Board of County Commissioners recognized the challenges facing local schools and dedicated the entire allotment to improving our local education infrastructure.

These funds have been 100 percent dedicated to schools for the past several years. For more information on Montrose County, please visit [montrosecounty.net](https://montrosecounty.net).





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## MCSO AND CORONER INVESTIGATING HOMICIDE-SUICIDE

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE—On July 29 at approximately 1:19pm, Montrose County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to the 15000 block of Transfer Road for a shooting that occurred at the residence.

The caller stated that he had just shot his wife and that he was going out to the back porch where she was lying to take his own life.

Responding deputies found two deceased, elderly individuals lying on the back porch of the residence.

The Montrose County Sheriff's Office and the Montrose County Coroner's Office are investigating the homicide. Autopsies are pending for both decedents.

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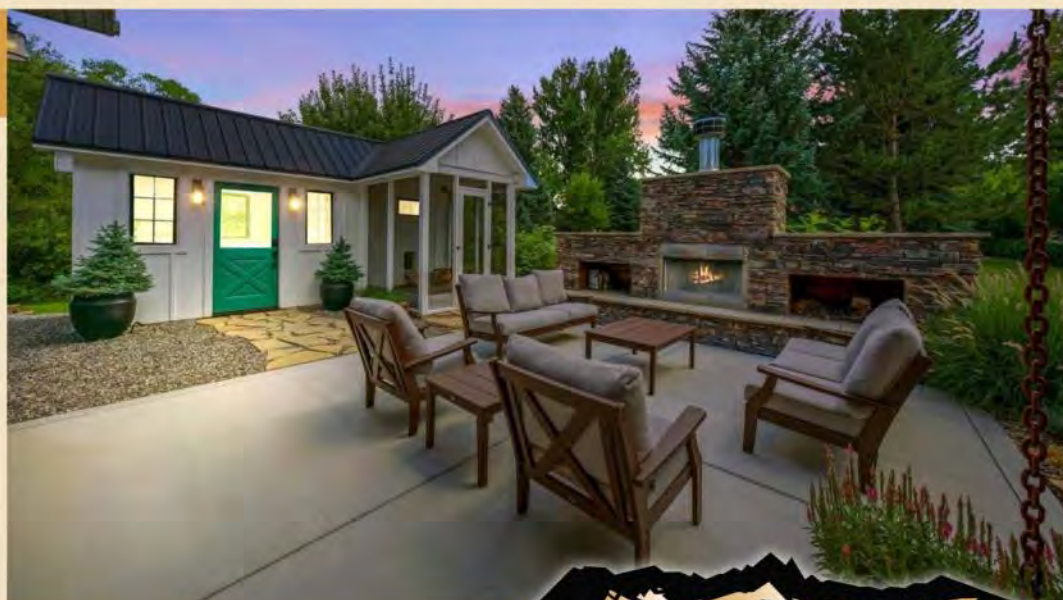
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# OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

## MONTROSE TO LOSE NJROTC AFTER 50 YEARS

Editor,

The Montrose NJROTC is one of the oldest, continuously operating units of its kind in the nation whose Cadets have provided

exceptional service to the Montrose and Olathe communities for nearly 50 years. It was established on 12 October 1973 and at this point in time will not be available to

Montrose and Olathe Cadets on its 50th birthday.

For the past few years the school district has been unable to attract Naval Science instructors who would stay more than a few years. Their relatively short tours and the continual turnover in these instructor jobs has been a serious complication to the long-term success of the program. For the past two years it has had only one instructor who left abruptly at the end of the school year leaving the keys to the JROTC spaces on the desk.

As a result, Cadets' uniforms hang in their individual lockers, the classroom deck is gleaming with a new coat of wax, all seems ready as it has been for decades at this time of year except for the fact that the program finally ends this Sunday. There's even a qualified Senior Naval Science Officer (SNSI) with at least five years of experience and a Doctorate in Education, no less, who has recently applied. But alas, it seems that it's too little, too late!

The program will now be relegated to a fond memory for awhile and in a few years will have the status of little more than a rumor, as some in the community may ask, "Didn't the school district have a ROTC program once?" Yes, for fifty years! Scott Rizzo CDR, USN (RET)  
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# OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS & CARTOONS

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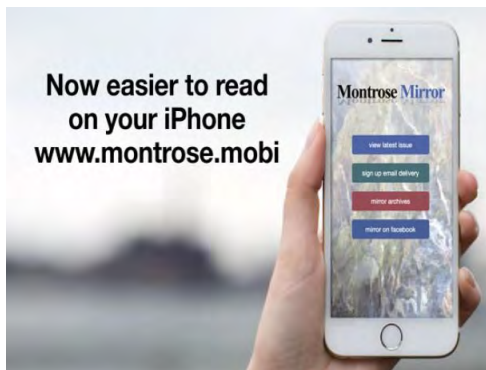
Editor,

It is getting very frustrating trying to read your online newspaper when you keep printing the very long, whining, politically motivated, boring letters from the same people. There are many of us longtime residents who have shared they feel the same way.

I suggest you keep letters to a maximum 250 words and rotate letters from other people that would be of interest to the community. It would make for more pleasurable reading for many of us.

Thank you.

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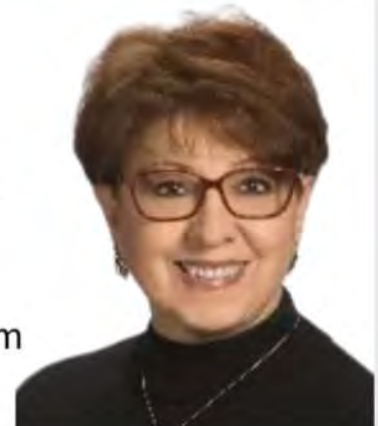
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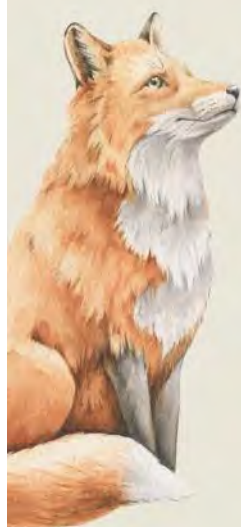
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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION IS NOW INJECTING HARD-LEFT POLITICS INTO OUR LIBRARIES

*Editor:*

Several months ago, I wrote letters and attended library board meetings to express my concern about our library's lack of responsible stewardship of graphic, sexually explicit material. I somewhat foolishly expected a more understanding response from the library board and employees to parents' pleas for help in protecting our minor children from exposure to such material.

Instead, local library officials parroted the American Library Association's guidelines, which totally defend sexually explicit material being presented to children in public and school libraries. Some individuals even accused concerned parents of ignorance and wanting to "ban books."

Clearly, we parents don't want to ban books but also don't want pornographic books presented and promoted to our children by library staff.

At the time, I asked myself: "Why would the ALA promote exposing children to explicit materials and injecting sexuality into publicly funded libraries despite parents' obvious concerns regarding age-appropriate materials?" Here is the answer. The association is led by far-left activist Emily Drabinski, who celebrated her election as president by bragging that she is a Marxist. That helps explain why the ALA is now injecting hard-left politics into our libraries. Is it any wonder they have recommended a list of 13 books for our kids in a radical expression of "freedom to

read," all featuring sexually explicit material?

A more pertinent question to be asked of the library board and employees is: Why is the Montrose County library still associated with the ALA, given that Marxism is in direct opposition to the principles of the Constitution of the United States?

(Montana has already cut ties and a number of other states are proceeding in that direction.)

Also, why are they not supporting parents in their very legitimate goal of protecting their children from sexually explicit material? Are they going to support the Marxists or the taxpayer parents that pay your salaries?

*Chanda Ouimet, Montrose*





## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

### 50 YEARS OF PHILANTHROPY CAMPAIGN AWARDS \$426,500 TO COLORADO NONPROFITS

**Alpine Bank celebrates 50th anniversary with employee-directed gifts to community**

*Special to the Mirror*

GLENWOOD SPRINGS— Alpine Bank is celebrating its 50th anniversary by recognizing the vital role its customers and community partners have played in the company's success.

As part of its new *50 Years of Philanthropy* campaign, each of Alpine Bank's 853 employees directed a one-time charitable gift of \$500 to support an eligible Colorado nonprofit organization.

In total, \$426,500 will be donated to the selected organizations in celebration of the bank's continued commitment to Colorado.

The gifts were awarded on Colorado Day, the state's 147th birthday. All selected

organizations will receive a letter explaining the surprise donation, along with the total amount awarded. Some organizations received gifts larger than \$500 after being selected by more than one employee.

"I think it's impossible to separate where business interests end and where society's begin," said Alpine Bank founder and Chairman Bob Young.

"What makes a good banker is somebody who carries the same values. A good bank is one who can fully support the community in the most positive way."

Colorado Governor Jared Polis underscored the company's community commitment with an official proclamation naming

August 1, 2023 as "Alpine Bank Day," noting that "since its inception in 1973, Alpine Bank has exemplified a philanthropic spirit by providing non-profit organizations with over \$55 million in grants, scholarships, sponsorships and other donations."

The guiding values that Bob established when he founded the bank in 1973 remain relevant today: Independence, Integrity, Loyalty, Compassion and Community.

To learn more about Alpine Bank's golden anniversary, please visit <https://www.alpinebank.com/community/50-years-young.html>.

Additional media information is available at <https://www.alpinebank.com/who-we-are/about-alpine-bank.html>.

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# ONCE AGAIN, MAYOR PRO TEM J. DAVID REED RECUSES FROM DISCUSSION ITEM DUE TO POTENTIAL FOR CONFLICT



**Montrose Housing Authority Director Susan Barrientos was present for the discussion. Work session screenshot.**

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Mayor Pro Tem J. David Reed was present virtually for the regularly scheduled work session of the Montrose City Council on Monday, July 31; all other councilors were physically present as Mayor Barbara Bynum called the session to order. "Okay...this is our city council work session. These work sessions are an opportunity for council and staff to talk about items that will be appearing on upcoming agendas in some more depth...there is no public comment during these meetings as is there is no vote...we're going to jump right in..."

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mayor Bynum introduced the first discussion item, the Sunshine Peak Apartments Community Development Block Grant Application.

As the applicant began to speak, Mayor Pro Tem J. David Reed's voice sounded over the intercom. "Madam Mayor, Madame Mayor ...can you hear me?"

Bynum affirmed that she could hear Reed, "You kind of sound like God coming through the ceiling, but ok."

Reed said that he had represented the developer when the project was originally built and did not believe there was a true conflict of interest. Still, "I think out of an abundance of caution and to avoid any semblance of a potential conflict I'm going to withhold from discussing this topic today."

Presenting the grant application were DART and Grant Coordinator Michelle

Wingfield and Community Development Specialist Christopher Ottinger, asking approval to apply for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) on behalf of the Montrose County Housing Authority. The purpose of the grant application is to secure funding to acquire the Sunshine Peak Apartments located at 748 Cedar Creek Avenue, which currently provides essential low-income housing in the City of Montrose.

Also present during the discussion was Montrose Housing Authority Director Susan Barrientos. The Housing Authority presently owns one percent of one percent of the project, "It is time for us to take over the ownership of the project," Barrientos said.

**Background-** A memo from Wingfield to Council states, "The Montrose County Housing Authority seeks to acquire the Sunshine Peak Apartments from Sunshine Peak Apartment Homes, LLC to prevent the loss of this property as an affordable housing asset in the community. The City of Montrose aims to secure a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to provide sub-grant funding to the Montrose County Housing Authority for this acquisition. The request is for \$2,600,000 in grant funds to acquire Phase 1 of the Sunshine Peak Apartments, which comprises 49 residential units. The CDBG program, administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), provides funding to local governments to address a wide range of community development needs, including affordable housing initiatives. By leveraging this grant opportunity, the City of Montrose can support the Montrose County Housing Authority's efforts to preserve and expand affordable housing options in the community. By acquiring the property, the Housing Authority will be able to exercise greater control over long-term affordability and maintenance of the housing units...The total project costs are estimated at \$3,850,000, inclusive of acquisition costs, soft costs, and critical repairs. The Montrose County Housing Authority is seeking a CDBG grant in the amount of \$2,600,000, which would cover the acquisition. The remaining project costs will be covered by

the Montrose County Housing Authority through debt servicing. No matching funds are required for the grant.

Councilor Reed returned to the meeting virtually for consideration of the Woodgate/East Oak Grove Roundabout and Backage Road Design Contract, presented by City Engineer Scott Murphy. Council will consider awarding a professional services contract to Felsburg, Holt, and Ullevig in the amount of \$215,211.40 for completion of design studies and civil design associated with the project.

**Background-** A memo from Murphy to Council states, "Since completion of the Woodgate Realignment project, property ownership on the northern side of East Oak Grove Road has changed. The new owners have expressed an interest in partnering to see the roundabout built, intend to annex/develop the surrounding area, and are working to redevelop existing commercial properties towards the northwest (Penn Mall Area). Furthermore, the developers have been working with All Points Transit to situate their new transit center immediately northeast of the roundabout. APT has spent the last several years working to secure a suitable site for their new transit center facility and considers this area an ideal location for their operations given its central location and proximity to amenities. Construction of the transit center is tentatively scheduled to begin in late 2024...In addition to the roundabout project element, the City's comprehensive plan and the Colorado Department of Transportation's Townsend Avenue access control plan both call for a roadway connection between East Oak Grove and Niagara Roads, east of Townsend Avenue... As part of a public/private partnership to secure the necessary rights of way and construct the WEOG Roundabout and southern reach of the Woodgate Backage Road, the City entered into a development agreement with the adjacent landowners on July 18, 2023....Project design is proposed to be completed by June of 2024 in anticipation of project construction between December 2024 and July 2025." City Attorney Ben Morris presented a draft ordinance for renewal of the Cable



## **REED RECUSES FROM DISCUSSION ITEM DUE TO POTENTIAL FOR CONFLICT From previous pg**

Franchise Agreement with Spectrum Pacific West LLC. The Franchise Agreement is included in the work session packet. Outside legal counsel Ken Fellman was present for this agenda item and for the next.

Morris also presented information from the City Charter Committee, updating sections of the City Charter that relate to Franchises, Public Utilities, Contracts, and Term Limits. Council spent time in discussion. The City Charter Committee will meet in August. New Campaign Finance Laws for Municipal Elections were presented by Morris. There presently is no

formal process for appeals. The work session agenda notes that House Bill 23-1245 becomes effective January 1, 2024. A memo from City Clerk Lisa DePiccolo and City Attorney Morris outlines the changes and is included in the work session packet. Councilor Ed Ulibarri asked whether Council would hold a planned interactive work session. "How are we coming along with that work session where people can come in and speak to Council?"

Bynum said that Council had hoped to begin in July but is currently looking at the possibility of holding an interactive work

session in August.

### **COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS**

Bynum said she and Councilor Dave Frank attended the 2023 Montrose County Fair livestock auction. Frank purchased a cow and a pig. Bynum shared the names of City staff whose family members took part in the fair. Montrose Police Chief Blaine Hall said that community grant funds will be awarded to local businesses for CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) efforts. Funds will be awarded after a competitive process that closes Aug. 31.

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# COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

## NEXTFIFTY INITIATIVE AWARDS \$765,201 IN FLEXIBLE SUPPORT GRANTS TO 20 ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS WESTERN COLORADO

*Special to the Mirror*

DENVER — NextFifty Initiative has announced \$765,201 in grants to 20 organizations across Western Colorado that are working to improve the lives of older adults and their caregivers.

The organizations are located in Grand, Jackson, Routt, Montrose, Pitkin, Garfield, Gunnison, Mesa, La Plata, and Montezuma counties.

NextFifty Initiative, which funds game-changing efforts to improve and sustain the quality of life for people in their second 50 years, announced a total of \$2.9 million in grants to 65 organizations around Colorado. In all, NextFifty received 238 requests for funding from organizations requesting more than six times the amount of funding available.

*"The strong response to our request for proposals demonstrates the great need for additional funding to support older adults and caregivers in Colorado," said Chandra Matthews, Director of Programs at NextFifty Initiative. "We designed Flexible Support grants to allow organizations to request the type of support they most need to meet the evolving needs of older people in their communities, and it's clear to us that the need for this type of funding is high."*

The organizations that received funds serve older adults in a variety of categories including caregiver support, community life, elder justice, health, housing, multi-generational support, social services, technology, transportation, and workforce/employment.

Western Slope recipients include:

**-The Joseph Center** – The \$30,000 grant from NextFifty Initiative will support operations at The Joseph Center, which provides shelter and support services to un-

housed women over age 50. The Joseph Center is located in Grand Junction.

**-Blue Sage Center for the Arts** – Based in Paonia, Blue Sage Center for the Arts will use its \$50,000 grant to continue its expanded programming for older adults in this rural area.

**-HomeCare & Hospice of the Valley** – Based in Glenwood Springs, HomeCare & Hospice of the Valley will receive \$28,000 to support additional initiatives such as bereavement services.

**-Mountain Family Center** – This Granby-based organization will use its \$15,000 grant to help purchase a vehicle needed to transport older adults to medical appointments, community meals, tax services, and more. A portion of funding will also support programming.

**-Gunnison County Department of Health and Human Services** – The \$22,000 grant will be used to find, connect, and enroll older adults in needed programs and services such as SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and LEAP (Low-Income Energy Assistance Program).

**-Hospice of Montezuma, Inc.** – A \$15,000 grant will be used to increase community awareness and expand the services of Hospice of Montezuma Inc., based in Cortez.

**-Hispanic Affairs Project** – Based in Montrose, the Hispanic Affairs Project will use its \$50,000 grant to provide services that meet the specific needs of older Hispanic immigrants.

**-Pathfinders** – Serving the Roaring Fork Valley, Pathfinders will use its \$25,000 grant to increase its capacity to provide grief, loss, and serious illness counseling programs for older adults. The organization currently serves about 200 older adults every year.

**-Northwest Colorado Center for Independence** – Serving older adults in Routt and Moffat counties, the Northwest Colorado Center for Independence will use its \$50,000 grant to expand its work supporting individuals with disabilities to live independent lives.

Additional Western Slope organizations receiving grants include The Counseling and Education Center (Mesa County, \$10,000); HomewardBound of the Grand Valley (Mesa County, \$70,000); Center for Independence (Mesa County, \$130,000); North Fork Senior Connections (Delta County, \$23,000); Valley Meals and More (Garfield County, \$25,000); Grand County Rural Health Network (Grand County, \$50,000); Jackson County Council on Aging (Jackson County, \$30,000); Southern Colorado Community Action Agency (La Plata County, \$40,000); Pine River Shares' Thrive in Place Project (La Plata County, \$32,201); Willowtail Springs Nature Preserve and Education Center (Montezuma County, \$30,000); and Montrose County Senior Citizens Transportation Inc. (Montrose County, \$40,000).

### About NextFifty Initiative

*NextFifty Initiative is a Colorado-based, national foundation supporting efforts to improve the lives of older adults and their caregivers. The foundation works with community leaders, experts in the field of aging, and front-line professionals to support programs and projects that positively impact aging and longevity. They focus on learning, sharing best practices, and supporting innovation that will transform aging for generations to come. In 2022, NextFifty Initiative awarded grants totaling \$8.2 million.*

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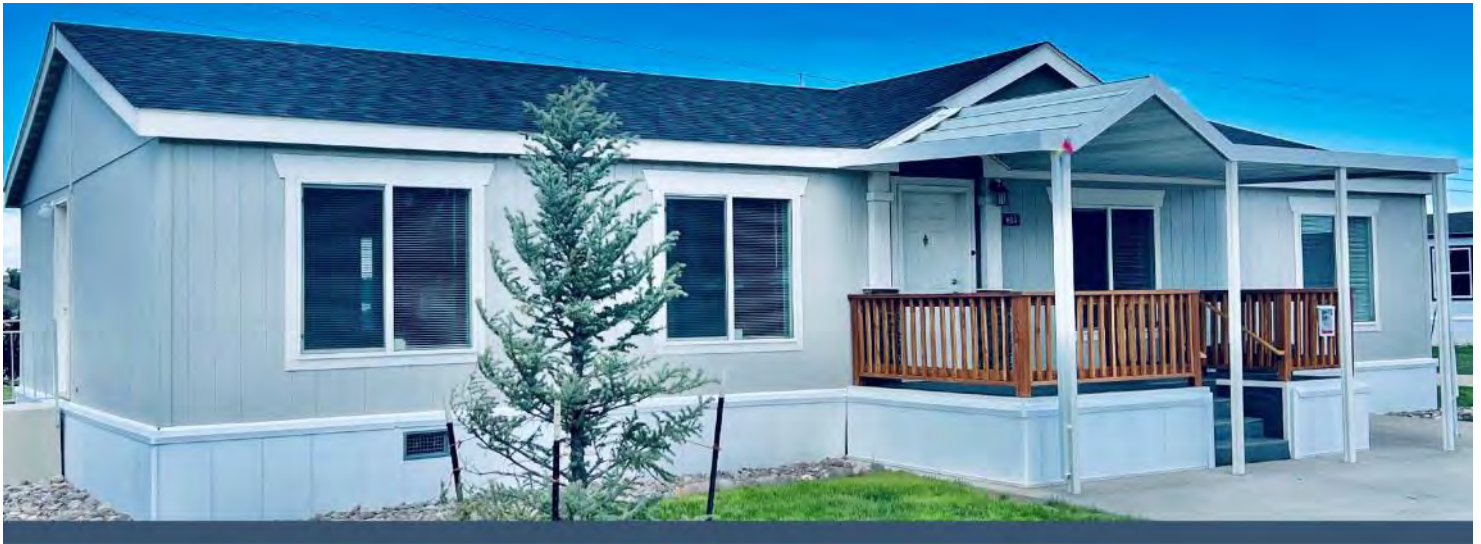
3. Montrose Pavilion. Located near the South main entrance of the Pavilion on Niagara Road

There are three Boy Scout Troops in Montrose. The plan is that each Troop will be assigned one of the American Flag Retirement Boxes. The Boy Scouts will collect the American Flags that are dropped off from the boxes for their Flag Retirement Ceremonies.

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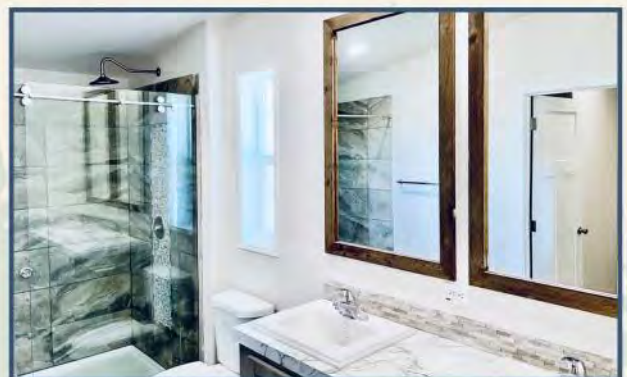


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## FLASHING CROSSWALKS, CHILD SEX ASSAULTS INCREASE From pg 1

for a permanent location for this valuable collection of materials," Bunyard said. "...the city would view it as an asset, it could be open to the public as a research center, at least on an appointment basis...we do invite you to come visit and see what we have...we could talk with you further about what our need is and why we need the city's help..."

### CONSENT AGENDA

"We have four items on our Consent Agenda," Mayor Bynum said. "These are grouped together to be expedient of our time." She read the items into the record one by one.

[Consent agenda items](#) were unanimously approved.

### LIQUOR LICENSE CHANGE OF LOCATION

Council voted to approve an application from Bliss Beauty Bar Co. LLC, doing business as Bliss Beauty Bar, to change the location of a Lodging and Entertainment liquor license from 431 E. Main Street to 1544 Oxbow Drive, Unit 156.

### RESOLUTION 2023-12

Police Chief Blaine Hall presented Resolution 2023-12, authorizing the City of Montrose Police Department to file a Victim Assistance Law Enforcement (VALE) Grant application through the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Victims Assistance Board for a total of \$55,150 to cover a portion of both the current Victim Advocate's Salary and a new Victim Advocates salary; authorizing the Chief of Police to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as required; and authorizing the City Manager, Chief of Police, and Finance Director to sign the grant application and reporting documents.

The city has seen a rise in the number of cases that require Victim Services involvement and wishes to continue to employ two Victim Services staff members. Council voted unanimously to approve the grant application.

**Background-**Resolution 2023-12 states in part, "...there has been a rise in the total number of crime victims assisted by 27% from 158 total victims' midyear of 2022 to 215 midyear 2023; there has been a rise in the number of child sexual assault victims that we have assisted by 31% from 22 midyear of 2022 versus 32 midyear 2023... the State of Colorado has passed legislation in 2021 requiring suspects to be Ad-

*vised within 48 hours of arrest, beginning in April 2022, which requires Victim Services to contact crime victims on Week-ends to discuss their rights, inform them of the protective order, and ensure they have the ability to exercise their right to be present and speak... the Montrose Police Department is mandated by the Colorado Constitution to guarantee certain rights to victims of violent crimes, employs a full time Victim Services Coordinator and one full time Victim Advocate to ensure compliance and to provide services to crime victims, and wish to apply for a portion of the Victim Services Coordinator's in the amount of \$30,150 and Victim Advocate's salary in the amount of \$25,000.*

### RESOLUTION 2023-14

Council voted to approve Resolution 2023-14, authorizing assignment to the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority of a private activity bond allocation of the City of Montrose pursuant to the Colorado Private Activity Bond Ceiling Allocation Act.

### ELDERADO FINANCIAL ASBESTOS ABATEMENT ASSISTANCE

In a four to one vote with Councilor Ulibarri voting no, Council approved a request from Elderado Financial for \$50,881.10 for assistance with asbestos abatement in conjunction with the construction of a new office building.

### ORDINANCE 2634 - FIRST READING

As discussed extensively in work session, Council voted to adopt Ordinance 2634 on first reading, amending Title 9 Chapter 4 Section 1 and Title 6 Chapter 1 Section 21, regarding the removal of snow and/or ice and unreasonable noise. A red-lined version of the changes is included in the [meeting packet](#).

Newly added to Section 6-1-21 - Unreasonable noise is the following, "The official operations of the City of Montrose, or persons acting under the direction of the City are exempt from this Section."

### ORDINANCE 2635 - FIRST READING

Council considered and voted to approve Ordinance 2635 on first reading, regarding the cable franchise agreement between the City of Montrose and Spectrum Pacific West, LLC, an indirect subsidiary of Charter Communications, Inc.

### ORDINANCE 2636 - FIRST READING

Also approved was Ordinance 2636 on first reading, authorizing the conveyance

of an interest in City-owned real estate pursuant to § 1-9-2 of the Official Code of the City of Montrose (Clear Network easement).

### ORDINANCE 2630-SECOND READING

Assistant City Attorney Matt Magliaro presented Ordinance 2630 which was approved on second reading, updating Title 1 Chapter 2, General Provisions and Title 1 Chapter 14, Municipal Court, of the Official Code of the City of Montrose, Colorado: repealing and replacing Title 1 Chapter 2 Section 3 (1-2-3) regarding general penalty; repealing and replacing Title 1 Chapter 14 Section 4 (1-14-4), regarding sentencing; and repealing and replacing other code provisions to standardize cross-references in the Official Code of the City of Montrose regarding sentencing.

### ORDINANCES 2631 AND 2632-SECOND READING

Council approved Ordinance 2631 on second reading, for annexation of the Dry Cedar Creek II Addition. Also approved on second reading was Ordinance 2632, zoning the Dry Cedar Creek II Addition as an R-3A, Medium High Density District.

### ORDINANCE 2633 - SECOND READING

Ordinance 2633 was approved on second reading, designating the Methodist Episcopal Church of Montrose, 19 S. Park Ave., Montrose, Colorado, as a City of Montrose Historic Property Pursuant to § 11-3 of the Official Code of the City of Montrose.

### FUEL AND OIL CONTRACT AWARD

As discussed in work session, Council approved the award of a contract to Parish Oil of Montrose to supply the City with bulk fuel and oil.

### CERISE PARK STORAGE BUILDING EXPENSE AUTHORIZATION

Council voted to authorize expenditures for construction of a storage building in Cerise Park near the Montrose Rotary Amphitheater in the amount of \$183,574.72, including a contract with Stryker and Company for the design and construction. As discussed previously in work session the city will provide Rotary with funds for the donation through use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) monies.

### FLASHING CROSSWALK SIGNAGE EXPENSE AUTHORIZATION

Council voted to spend \$61,100 to purchase solar-powered flashing crosswalk beacons. City Engineer Scott Murphy said



## FLASHING CROSSWALKS, CHILD SEX ASSAULTS INCREASE IN CITY

### From previous pg

that the purpose of the new crosswalks is to improve driver-yielding rates. More intense lighting will catch drivers' attention. "I'm really excited to see those around our community," Mayor Bynum said. Proposed crossings include:

- Main Street and Junction Avenue
- East Grove Road and Rio Grande at Rec Trail Crossing (near South end of old rail crossing)
- Chipeta Road at Rec Trail near Ute Museum
- Colorado Avenue and Rio Grande by the Field House

#### STAFF REPORTS

Bynum said, "...After all the things we vote

on, we finish our meeting with staff reports and city council comments."

She commended Police Chief Blaine Hall for a successful National Night Out event. Chief Hall said that the Police Department has released a Theft Reduction and Prevention grant, using 2A funds to help local businesses install security infrastructure. Applications are open and will close Aug. 31. The City will match contributions. A CPTED analysis will be included.

Mayor Bynum said applications are being taken for the Montrose University Leadership Program. Applications are on the City web site. The program is a great way to meet a cohort of peers.

Councilor Ulibarri said that the Planning Manager Jace Hochwalt effectively helped Montrose to retain its USDA status as a rural community. "Thank you, sir." Hochwalt credited his staff including Chris Ottinger and said that the designation is a big deal for Montrose.

Bynum said that she and Councilor Dave Frank attended the Montrose County Fair and the Junior Livestock Auction. She read the names of champions who are the children of city staff. "We had a wonderful time...my hat's off to those kids who work really hard." With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. "That's good, we're done, thank you."

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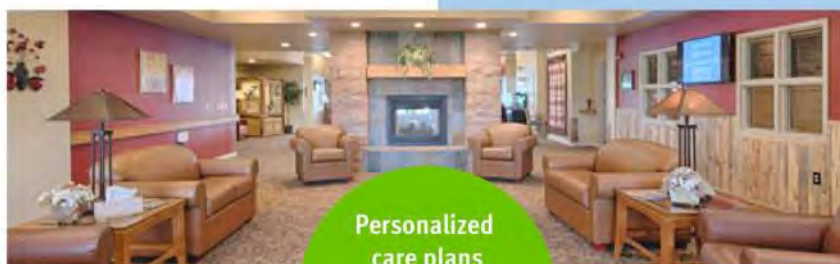
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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### YELLOW TOADFLAX IS NOXIOUS WEED OF THE MONTH

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SAN MIGUEL COUNTY--

- It may be pretty, but Yellow toadflax's pale yellow and orange colors belie its perniciousness. The ubiquitous plant is actually quite destructive, making it San Miguel County's Noxious Weed of the Month.



Colloquially referred to sometimes as butter and eggs, Yellow toadflax is very prevalent in San Miguel County. It is located on the east end of Telluride in the mountains, on the Idarado Legacy Trail, and in Ophir. This perennial noxious weed reproduces by seed and creeping roots, which extend 10 feet laterally and three feet deep. Yellow flowers are an inch long, with a bearded orange throat and spur and have clusters of 15-20 at the ends of stems that can be as much as two feet tall.

Yellow toadflax flowers from June through September, making it easy to understand why, at one time, it was attractive to gardeners. It is, in fact, an escaped ornamental and is similar to snapdragons. This lovely menace can be found in rangeland, pastures, meadows, forests and right of ways.

And a menace it is. Yellow toadflax is an environmental havoc-wrecker. It displaces desirable vegetation quickly, as it forms dense spreading roots. Its seeds are viable in the soil for eight years — one plant produces up to 30,000 seeds annually. Livestock won't touch it, and the presence of Yellow toadflax reduces rangeland value and reduces available forage for wildlife and livestock.

San Miguel County Vegetation Control & Management urges all County residents to manage any Yellow toadflax infestations with elimination in mind. Noxious weed management and control is a community effort! Please do your part.

For more information on this and other noxious weeds in the County, please contact Julie Kolb, Manager, Vegetation Control & Management, at [juliek@sanmiguelcountycogov.org](mailto:juliek@sanmiguelcountycogov.org) or (970)327-0399.





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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### CITY/COUNTY PARTNER TO HOST HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT AUG. 26

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE— The City of Montrose, in partnership with Montrose County, has planned a waste collection event to give Montrose area residents an opportunity to safely dispose of hazardous chemicals used in many household products.

Batteries, aerosols, fertilizer, paint supplies, fluorescent light bulbs, and liquid fuels and chemicals will be collected during the 2023 Household Hazardous Waste Event scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 26, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the City Public Works Shop located at 1221 64.50 Road. Earlier this spring the city and county agreed to contribute funds to safely dispose of all hazardous materials collected during the event.

"In an effort to promote safety, beautify the community, and expand public services, the City of Montrose and Montrose County desire to host a one-time combined Residential Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection event that will include city and county residents," the city and county said in a joint statement. "The goal of this event is to encourage citizens to properly collect, handle, and dispose of common household hazardous waste materials."

Volumes and quantities are limited to a maximum of 20 gallons of liquid waste material, 50 pounds of dry, granular palletized, or powder waste material, and 20 aerosol cans per customer.

#### **Fee Schedule:**

- Batteries (Wet/Dry Cell) Lithium, nickel-cadmium (NiCd), and nickel-metal hydride (NiMH) — \$4.00 each.
- Large rechargeables (gel cells) — \$3.00 each. Alkaline — \$2.00 each. Lead-acid batteries — No Charge
- Light bulbs (fluorescent and ballasts) Fluorescent bulbs (8', 4', and shorter) up to 10 — FREE. Over 10, \$1.00 each. Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFLs) — FREE
- Liquid Fuels (automotive fluids, degreasers, mineral spirits, gasoline, kerosene) — \$1.00 per gallon or \$0.50 for smaller containers.
- Liquid Chemicals (acids, adhesives, bleach, caustic cleaners, oxidizers, solvents) — \$2.00 per gallon or \$.50 for smaller containers.
- Fertilizer (granular) Containers weighing five pounds or less — \$1.00 Containers weighing five pounds or more — \$2.00.
- Fertilizers (liquid) Containers per gallon — \$2.00 Containers less than one gallon — \$1.00.
- Herbicides, Pesticides, Poisons, Insecticides (liquids, must be in sealable containers) — \$2.00 per gallon or \$1.00 for smaller containers.
- Paint (oil & latex based, primers, artist) — No charge. Paint Supplies (cleaner, thinner, varnish, turpentine) — \$1.00 per gallon or \$0.50 for smaller containers
- Aerosols and spray paint — \$1.00 each.

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- Flammable gas tanks propane, oxygen, mapp — small (1 lb) \$2.00 each, large (20 lb) \$5.00 each (The contents of these products are not classified as household hazardous waste, however due to the methods required to safely dispose of the containers, they are included in this event.)

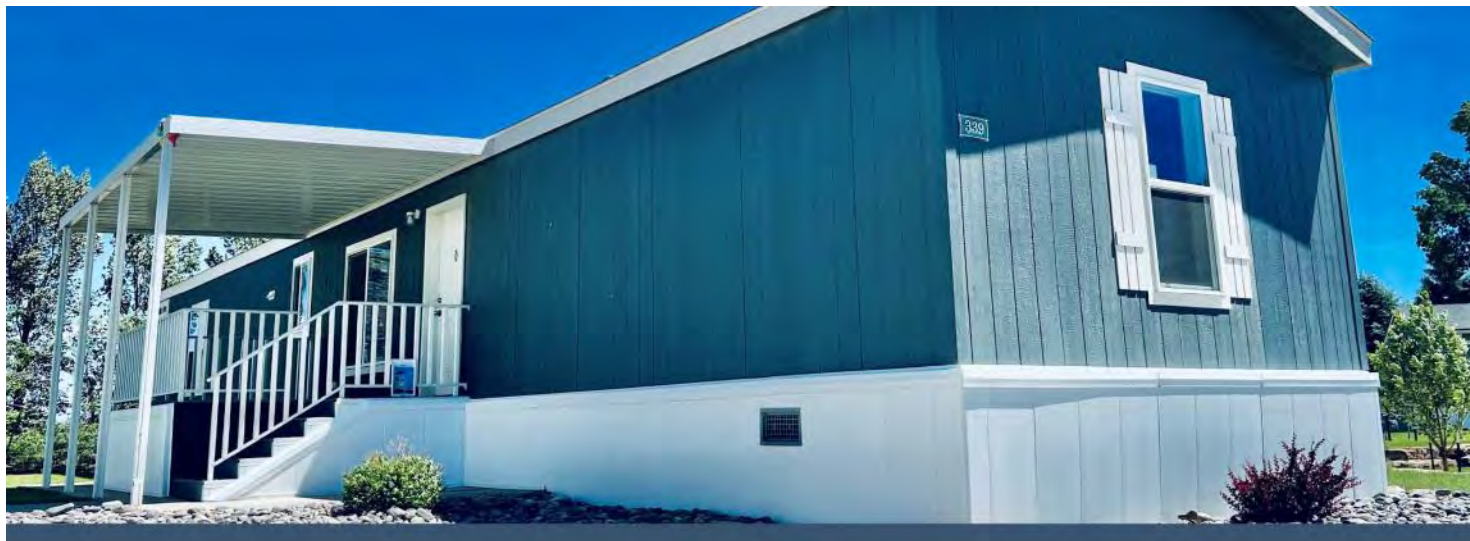
Volumes and quantities shall be limited to a maximum of twenty (20) gallons of liquid waste material (cumulative), fifty (50) pounds of dry granular, pelletized, or powder waste material (cumulative), and twenty (20) aerosol cans (cumulative) per customer.

The following shall NOT be collected:

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# REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

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MONTROSE-Offered through the Montrose Police Department, this competitive grant program is designed to award 2A

public safety funds as an incentive for businesses in the City of Montrose to make needed safety and security improvements based on specific criteria and avail-

able funding. These safety and security improvements will support businesses in deterring crime from occurring on their property and increase the possibility of suspect detection when crimes occur. I understand that this opportunity has been anticipated since earlier this year. Thank you to everyone for your patience as we have worked to iron out the details and process. Find out more and apply [here](#).

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MONTROSE— In the interest of ensuring the highest level of safety for public and construction personnel, Forest Officials with the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests' Ouray Ranger District have made the decision to implement a temporary closure of the Bear Creek National Recreation trail from Aug. 11 through October for a large-scale reconstruction project.

Crews began work Monday, July 24, to reconstruct various portions of the trail, including extensive construction of stone retaining walls, drainage structures and low water crossings. Upon further consideration and assessment, it was determined that a temporary closure of the trail between Bear Creek and Yellowjacket Mine is necessary during the reconstruction project. This proactive measure will allow crews to carry out their work efficiently and without interruption, while safeguarding the well-being of visitors to the area.

Upper Bear Creek trail will remain open for use and is accessible through Engineer Pass and Horsethief trail. Hikers are encouraged to explore the upper portion of the trail during the closure period and experience the beauty of the GMUG National Forests.

"The safety of the public and the workers involved in the trail reconstruction project is our top priority," stated Neil Perry, Ouray Ranger District Recreation Management Specialist. "By closing the affected section of the trail for a short period of time, we aim to complete reconstruction work efficiently and mitigate potential hazards during the construction process."

During the closure period, signage will be placed at key points on the trail to indicate the closure area. We ask visitors to respect the closure and stay clear of the area for their safety. For more information on the trail reconstruction project, contact the Ouray Ranger District at 970-240-5300.

For more information on current fire restrictions, conditions and recreation opportunities, visit the [forest website](https://www.forestwebsite.com) or [www.westslopefireinformation.com](https://www.westslopefireinformation.com). Connect with us or follow us on social media ([Twitter](https://twitter.com) and [Facebook](https://facebook.com)).





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# OPINION/EDITORIAL: COMMENTARY

## FLYING IN STYLE: MONTROSE REGIONAL AIRPORT JETS INTO THE FUTURE



*Photo by David White.*

*By David White*

MONTROSE-After years of enormous growth in air travel through the Montrose Regional Airport, the terminal expansion project that began in 2021 is close to completion. The North Addition to the terminal is the crown jewel of this effort with its soaring peaked ceiling and windows on the airside and landside ends of the upper level. The feeling of spaciousness and understated contemporary elegance is hard to beat.

I recently visited the almost complete terminal as a part of a project my business has been involved with and all I can say is that the residents of Montrose truly have something to be proud of with this new and improved facility. It speaks volumes to we, the people, when our government and its elected representatives commit to using our tax dollars to better the infrastructure that forms the foundation of local economic development without handouts to speculative businesses (restaurants, bars, breweries, hotels, etc. that depend upon a person's discretionary income for their existence) as we have seen coming from the Montrose City Council and their manager.

Montrose County owns and operates the airport. The existing airport sits on land

donated by a local family many decades ago. It is deed restricted and must be used for aviation purposes. The airport is led by Aviation Director Lloyd Arnold and his staff of highly trained and qualified professionals who have lobbied for years to bring the airport into the modern age.

Along with the Airport Advisory Board, the County Commissioners and County Management, Mr. Arnold has been able to convince the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) of the need to provide a large amount of funding to this vital resource that we all depend upon as it is at the top of the list in its economic impact on our County.

Several firsts for this airport terminal and expansion include the addition of jet bridges that will come this fall that will allow enplanement and deplanement from aircraft without having to brave the elements. A first for any facility in Montrose County is the addition of two (2) escalators in the North Terminal addition. A full bar (to be operated by the new to Montrose business Shelter Distilling) and an impressive fireplace feature will bring a new level of amenities to local air travel.

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much more quickly through the airport. You'll even have an outdoor fireplace to keep you warm in the colder months while awaiting curbside pickup.

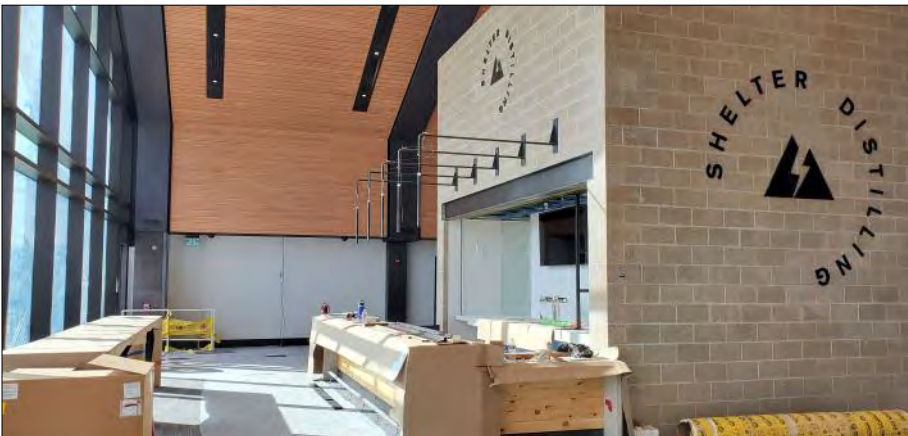
A huge increase in the number of parking spaces for short- and long-term parking. Easier access to the rental car lot. New airline self-check-in kiosks. Larger passenger holding areas. New food concession facilities in both the secure holding areas as well as the non-traveling public side of the terminal itself and much more are all a part of making our airport an attractive facility for travelers as well as the airlines that serve us. Montrose Regional Airport is truly the gateway to the City of Montrose, Telluride and Gunnison-Crested Butte. Travel made better and easier. Who could ask for more?

Next month the airport and its staff will host the return of the Tribute to Aviation air show (<https://www.tributetoaviation.com/>). Many military and civilian aircraft and their flight crews will be here. I would encourage everyone to bring family and friends to this event and take time to walk through the new terminal. We should all be proud of what has come to us. Thank you to all who made it possible!

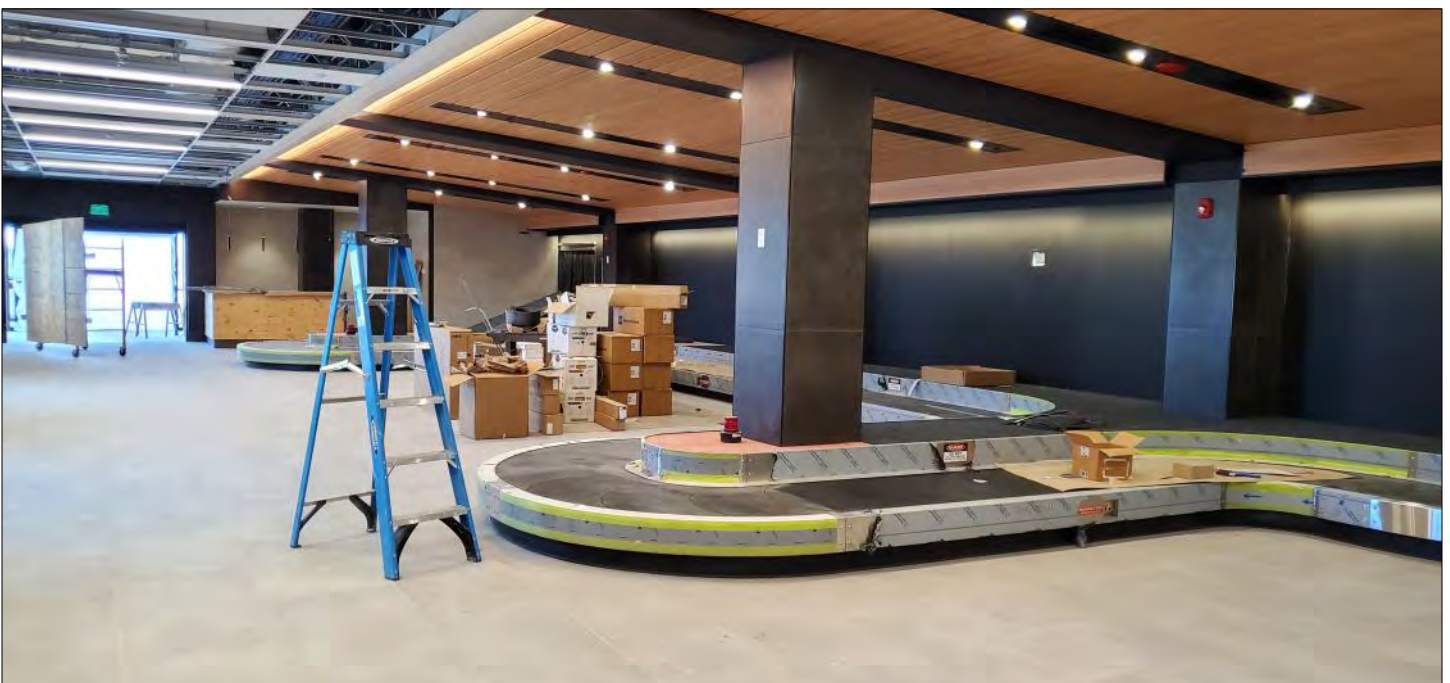
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## MONTROSE REGIONAL AIRPORT TERMINAL EXPANSION



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## IEC HEARING ON MATTER OF DAVE BOWMAN CONTINUES *From pg 1*

Independent Ethics Commission concerning actions taken by Bowman, who was then Mayor of Montrose. The complaint alleged that on July 5, Aug. 2, and Sept. 6 of 2019, "Then Montrose Mayor and current City Councilor Dave Bowman dictated a fee to be paid by Janece Culver's business, Divot's restaurant, during the City of Montrose sponsored Montrose Summer Music Series (MSMS). Bowman used his position and power of office for monetary gain. In addition, as Mayor, Bowman dictated payment terms in a fashion that was considered intimidating by Culver..."

According to the website, the Colorado Independent Ethics Commission -- created by voter initiative in November 2006-- hears ethics [complaints](#) and is authorized to impose penalties. IEC jurisdiction includes state senators and representatives, local government officials, government employees, and elected office holders. The IEC includes Chair Cole Wist; Vice Chair Sarah Mercer; Commissioner Elizabeth Espinosa Krupa; Commissioner Lora Thomas; and Commissioner Daniel Wolf.

**Aug. 1 Hearing**—The continued hearing opened at 9am and went into closed session around 11:45am. After some brief preliminary matters, Montrose City Manager Bill Bell was sworn in as a witness. Complainant Janece Culver had no further questions. Respondent Dave Bowman's Attorney Brian Kidnay questioned the witness. In response to questions, Bell stated that Montrose City Council was not involved in the formation of the contract with Divot's restaurant owner Janece Culver. The contract was overseen by Bell and Assistant City Manager Ann Morgenthaler. Dave Bowman was not involved, Bell said. "Dave did a great job of keeping it at arm's length."

Bell discussed the city's liquor licensing process, in which applications are rarely denied. "...We're trying to create a vibrant nightlife here...we think the more the better in our community."

Kidnay spoke of Respondent Bowman's history of bringing concerts to the area. "If Mr. Bowman didn't...would the city have paid a promoter to bring in these bands?" Although the city has an amphitheater

now and is bringing in concerts, "Until recently Dave Bowman was the one bringing them in," Bell said. Culver knew that the Montrose Summer Music Series was a pre-existing event, Bell said. "I think it was a win-win for all sides."

Complainant Scott Damman asked Bell about \$5K in direct cash given to the Montrose Summer Music Series in 2019, and whether the Montrose Summer Music Series is an active user of the city's amphitheater. "Yes," Bell said.

IEC Commissioners asked whether Bowman announced his relationship to the Montrose Summer Music Series when approving Culver's original liquor license (he did not) and whether that relationship was a factor in the non-renewal of that liquor license.

Bell said that there were a lot of different reasons for the non-renewal. The city needed the restaurant to be open at different hours to meet the needs of golfers, he said. "...Hours of operation, finance issues, lack of success...We hired city staff to run it instead."

IEC Commissioner Daniel Wolf asked what arrangements regarding the Montrose Summer Music Series and any payments thereto were discussed with Culver. Bell cited prior experience with Horsefly Brewing Company, the previous restaurant vendor. "...It worked quite well," before saying in response to the question, "There was no discussion of the beer arrangement...between the Montrose Summer Music Series and Janece Culver."

Witnesses called during the Webex hearing included past and present city staff, as well as Damman himself, who at one point was questioned by Kidnay about his motives for filing the complaint.

"To help restore accountability and transparency in local governance," Damman said. "This was the most egregious situation I was made aware of."

After further back and forth, Kidnay said, "Are you aware that Mr. Bowman was a proponent of the new police building?" Bowman's payment arrangement with Montrose Summer Music Series was revisited. Bowman was a 1099 contractor rather than an employee. He was paid

\$3,200 in 2019, which was voted on by the MSMS board. "They set the fee...I'm on the board also," Bowman said.

Damman asked Bowman the reason for his resignation from Montrose City Council in 2021; Bowman said that it was a matter of priorities. "...I just couldn't do both. Quite frankly I picked the Montrose Summer Music Series...we were creating community."

Damman questioned Bowman on the city's in-kind contributions to the music series, and whether he knew the monetary value of those donations.

Bowman reminded Damman that he has been here 40 years. "I started Main in Motion...historically the city has paid what is needed to provide community events."

Damman asked whether the city had ever issued a competitive RFP for the concert series, a practice commonly used for community concerts in neighboring communities. Also, "Have you ever been involved in a bid process for that event...How about at the Amphitheater today?"

Kidnay objected to the question.

IEC commissioners also asked questions throughout the proceedings as well. IEC Vice Chair Sarah Mercer asked Bowman if he had voted to approve the Divot's Liquor License, and whether he disclosed his relationship with the Montrose Summer Music Series.

Bowman said he did vote on the liquor license but did not disclose his relationship with the music series as it was, "very well known."

Mercer asked whether he met with Culver to discuss the expected financial contributions before or after approval of the liquor license.

"After," Bowman said, "there would not have been a reason to talk to her before."

IEC Commissioner Lora Thomas asked whether Bowman changed his approach after being elected to council. "As you were going around talking to vendors and suppliers, did you change the way you approached people after becoming an elected official?"

Bowman said that every sponsor he talked to knew he was on city council. "It was very, very, very well known...this is a



## IEC HEARING ON MATTER OF DAVE BOWMAN CONTINUES

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is a small town...most of us work together to try and make it a better place to live."

Thomas asked, "When you met with Janece did you clarify...while you were on council and you were there representing a private music series did you say, 'I am not here as a councilman, I am here representing the Montrose Summer Music Series?'"

"No, I did not say that," Bowman said. IEC Commissioner Daniel Wolf asked whether the MSMS sponsorship agreements were memorialized in any format, whether by email or in a contract.

Bowman said, "Everything was verbal."

Bowman said he was President of the Music Series board in 2019.

"Our thought was we were doing something good for business," he said. "We found out we were wrong."

As the parties prepared to deliver closing arguments, IEC Chair Cole Wist told commissioners to consider whether Bowman was exempt in his capacity as a home rule official; whether he engaged in a substantive financial transaction with a private business person he oversaw in his official capacity; whether he performed an official act that directly benefited him; and whether he put his personal or private interest before that of the governing body; and whether he disclosed his role.

In her closing argument Culver said she felt she had no choice but to file a complaint. "After the first concert, he approached me for money and for the food truck rent, which we had agreed that I would keep.

"It was not only a conflict of interest,"

Culver said, "But an abuse of authority. We owe it to ourselves and to our community to ensure that the ethical fabric of our city remains honest and trustworthy."

Damman said, "I don't think there could be a more gross display of wielding your influence as a public official."

The City of Montrose was part of the problem, Damman said, noting that Culver had followed the correct procedure in taking her concerns to Assistant City Manager Ann Morgenthaler.

Culver felt she had no choice but to comply with Bowman's demands, he said. "She got steamrolled."

Damman asked for damages in the amount that Culver paid to the Montrose Summer Music Series and any additional penalties. "It's time to restore accountability and transparency in our local governance."

Kidnay questioned whether the Independent Ethics Commission has jurisdiction over a home rule City such as Montrose. He rejected each element of the complaint, and refuted the idea that Bowman influenced Culver or the termination of Divot's contract.

"Mr. Bowman operated on behalf of a highly successful and popular non-profit, not on behalf of himself. He has a complete inability to gain from this transaction...he had nothing to do with Divot's...he was doing Divot's a favor just to have it there."

There was no contractual relationship between the Montrose Summer Music Series

and Divot's at the time the liquor license for Divot's was voted on, Kidnay said. "If Divot's didn't work out, the Montrose Summer Music Series could just go someplace else."

He asked that the complaint be dismissed, and that the West Slope Advocate (Damman) be found to have engaged in the unauthorized practice of law. "This entire thing is not in conformity with Colorado law...every judicial body should have a requirement of standing...or some guy sitting on a couch in Alabama could file a complaint...this procedure proves the old adage that no good deed goes unpunished when it comes to my client...Mr. Bowman has been in the community forever."

Kidnay said of Culver, "She put no money up front! This was a sweetheart generous deal worked in the past...consummated after the liquor license was approved."

Kidnay said of Bowman, "What did he do wrong except bring music here...serve on Council...this seems like some dystopian future...regardless of this tribunal's decision Mr. Bowman has nothing to be ashamed of with his long history of helping his community."

Damman had the final word. "Mr. Bowman established that he can basically do whatever he wants. He puts nothing on paper. Mr. Bowman prefers to work in the shadows; that's how unethical people operate."

Wist called for a motion for the IEC to enter closed session for deliberations and to receive legal advice. A written decision will be released.



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## CHANGES TO COLORADO'S MOVE OVER LAW TAKE EFFECT MONDAY, AUG. 7



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Earlier this year, Gov. Jared Polis signed into law HB23-1123, requiring drivers to move over a lane whenever they encounter any stationary vehicle on a highway with its hazards flashing — and if they can't move over, they must slow down to at least 20 mph below the posted speed limit. The new protections come as 2022 marked the deadliest year on Colorado roads on record.

Gov. Polis has also proclaimed Monday, Aug. 7 as “Slow Down, Move Over Day” in the State of Colorado.



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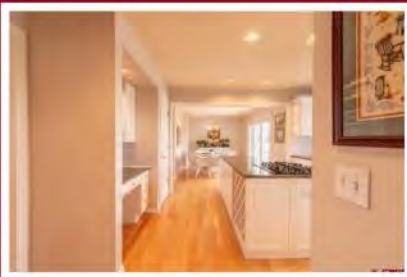


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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### MONTROSE REGIONAL HEALTH INTRODUCES AQUABLATION THERAPY, THE FIRST AND ONLY IMAGE-GUIDED, HEAT-FREE ROBOTIC THERAPY FOR THE TREATMENT OF BPH



**Dr. Craig Peterson alongside the Aquablation machine. Montrose Regional Health is the only hospital in the region offering Aquablation therapy. Courtesy photo.**

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE— Montrose Regional Health announced today that it is the first in the region to offer Aquablation therapy for the treatment of lower urinary tract symptoms (LUTS) due to benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH), otherwise referred to

as an enlarged prostate. Joined by the team from Montrose Regional Health, Dr. Craig Peterson, Urologist with San Juan Urology, recently completed the first Aquablation procedure in the region.

"I am extremely excited to offer Aquablation alongside my colleagues from Montrose Regional Health for the treatment of benign prostatic hyperplasia," said Dr. Craig Peterson. "We performed our first series of cases last week, and they were very successful. This amazing robotic technology preserves male sexual function for most men."

Aquablation therapy is performed by the AquaBeam<sup>®</sup> Robotic System, the first FDA-cleared, surgical robot utilizing automated tissue resection for the treatment of LUTS due to BPH. Aquablation therapy combines real-time, multi-dimensional imaging, automated robotics, and heat-free waterjet ablation for targeted, controlled, and immediate removal of prostate tissue. Combining both cystoscopic visualization and ultrasound imaging, surgeons can create a personalized treatment plan tailored to each patient's anatomy. Once the map is complete, the robotically controlled, waterjet ablates the prostate tissue, avoiding critical structures to preserve sexual function and continence. Proven in numerous clinical studies, Aquablation therapy offers predictable and reproducible outcomes, independent of prostate anatomy, prostate size, or surgeon experience.<sup>1,2,3</sup>

An enlarged prostate is a non-cancerous

condition where the prostate has grown to be larger than normal. One in two men ages 51 to 60 have BPH, and the incidence increases every decade of life.<sup>4</sup> If left untreated, BPH can cause significant health problems, including irreversible bladder or kidney damage, bladder stones, and incontinence. Current BPH surgical treatments often force men to tradeoff between symptom relief and side effects, limiting patients to choose between either a high degree of symptom relief with high rates of irreversible complications such as incontinence, erectile dysfunction, or ejaculatory dysfunction, or a low degree of symptom relief with low rates of irreversible complications.

According to Dr. Peterson, five procedures have been completed at Montrose Regional Health with great results, and more are scheduled in the near future. Dr. Peterson believes this form of outpatient BPH treatment will become the new "gold standard" of care for men across the United States.

The procedure is not currently available in Grand Junction or surrounding communities; Montrose Regional Health is the only provider of Aquablation therapy in the region. The hospital is known for providing advanced healthcare services, including being the first hospital on the Western Slope to utilize the daVinci robotic-assisted surgical system. The hospital continues to grow with the community to meet the region's health care needs.

# The Mirror: many views, one newspaper.





## COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

### WILLIAM "BILL" CHARLES GRAY

***July 3, 1953- July 25, 2023***

WILLIAM "BILL" CHARLES GRAY, age 70, of Olathe, CO, passed away Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at his home in Olathe, CO where he lived with his wife Sandy.

Bill was born on July 3, 1953, in Norwood, CO to Lloyd Harvey Gray and Beverly Traynor Gray. He moved to Olathe early on in his life where he attended Olathe Elementary, Middle and High school. After graduation he attended Western State College on a wrestling scholarship for two years, working at the VC Bar Dude Ranch in Lake City, CO as a horse wrangler during summer break. Following that he joined his dad in the logging industry. He continued logging until 1974 then decided to join the Montrose County Sheriff Department as a road deputy. He eventually moved up as a supervisor for eight years. During his years of law enforcement, he competed in the Law Enforcement Rodeo Program and wrestling in the Police Olympics.

Thereafter, he went back to logging as well as excavation work around the valley. Bill also worked on multiple forest fires running logging equipment. After retirement Bill continued to help his son Kirk build roads, ponds, construction projects, and odd and end jobs.

Bill enjoyed raising cattle, riding horses in the mountains and fishing in Alaska. Bill was also active in The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and Safari Club for many years. At one point in his life, he raised domestic elk. His greatest joys in life were his wife, children, grandchildren and the many friends he made during his lifetime.

Bill is survived by his wife of 46 years, Sandy, daughter Leora, son Kirk and grandchildren Jayda and Blake. His seven siblings: brothers Harvey (Janet), Andy (Cathy), Tim (Donna), Todd (Judy) and Brad (Della Jean) and sisters Lynda (Mike) Brew, Gaylynn (Jim) Young. He was preceded in



death by his parents. Arrangements are under the care of Crippin Funeral Home, Montrose, Co (970) 249-2121.

### CARLA JEAN GIRON

***March 30, 1939-July 28, 2023***

CARLA JEAN GIRON age 84 of Delta, CO passed away on July 28, 2023 surrounded by family in her home. She was born to Mildred Kramer and Robert Bartley on March 30, 1939.

Jean was a lifelong resident of Delta, CO.

Jean loved life and she made the best of every day. She loved her family dearly, and would help anyone in need, her doors were always open to anyone in need.

She loved babies and animals; her home was once a farm. Her favorite animals were horses, dogs, and wolves. She liked to write heartfelt poetry in her early years and she also liked to read.

You could often catch her in the kitchen with the radio on dancing/singing, and cooking.

She loved her old western shows and WWE.

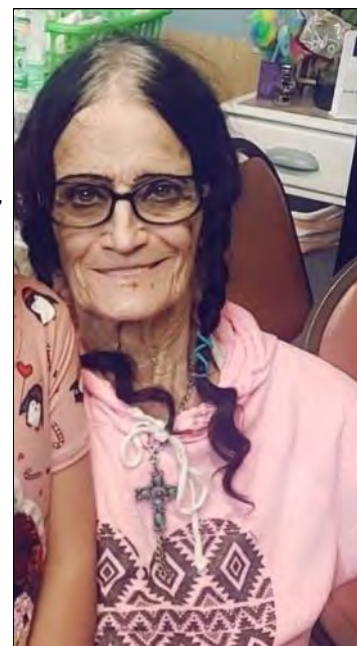
Many knew Jean to be a carefree, outspoken, and honest woman. She made an impact on so many people's lives, she is a gem that will be truly missed.

Survivors/Children: Thomas Short, Susan Harper, Tonya Piele, Tex (Bumper) Piele, Cathy Cox, Cindy Cronk, Vera Martinez

Grand children raised like her own: Danielle Jones, Shawna Towers, David Giron, Jason Lassley, Amanda Giron. Numerous other grandchildren, and great grand children

Brothers/Sisters: Sharon Cook, Mary Jackson, Pauline White, Ruth Lemmond, Rosie Howard, Shawna Teeter, Art White, Jackie Bartley. Preceded in death: Kids: Silveria (Nina) Giron, Silverio (Nokie) Giron, Samuel Giron. Brothers: Jim Williams, ED White, George Cold, Walter Giron, Sam Bartley, Jerry Bartley

Crippin Funeral Home of Montrose is assisting the family.





## COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

### JAMES DOUGLAS HEDLEY, SR

***Pride and Joy: Family, friends, dancing, and gardening  
July 27, 1928 – May 22, 2023***



JAMES DOUGLAS HEDLEY, Sr, age 94, of Montrose, passed away early Monday morning, May 22, 2023, at his home. James (Jim) was born on July 27, 1928, in Denver CO, the son of Charlotte (Hewitt)

and Mertis Hedley. Jim grew up in the Denver area and graduated from Mountair High School in 1946.

Jim married Shirley Jo Corlett on April 3, 1949, at Shirley's family home in Denver. Jim worked from the 1950s to the late 1980s for a moulding and millwork business in Denver, beginning as a forklift driver and eventually becoming the Plant Operations Manager. In 1990 he became the owner of an appliance sales and service business. The couple raised three children in the Denver area, but due to Shirley's health they relocated to Montrose in 2001. Shirley passed away in 2006.

Jim was lucky enough to meet a second love in his life, Lois Latimer, a neighbor in Montrose. Jim and Lois began their relationship one day when Lois casually asked, "Jim, do you know how to dance?" Jim and Lois danced often and traveled many places together, going to Hawaii, Alaska, the Caribbean, Canada, and Europe. Lois passed away in 2021.

Jim's greatest joy in life was the two wonderful women he was able to spend his life with; his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; and his neighbor-

hood friends. He loved dancing with Shirley and Lois. He took pride in gardening each summer, raising vegetables and flowers. He also loved the outdoors and Colorado's mountains.

Jim is survived by his son, James Jr. of Montrose, CO; son-in-law, Jerry Rosencranz of Lakewood, CO; five grandchildren, Tracy (Rosencranz) and husband Brant Richards of Fort Collins, CO; Ashley Hedley and husband Brent Meador, James Hedley III, Sean Hedley, and Maeghan-Nicole Hedley of Fort Worth, TX; and two great grandchildren, Taylor Richards and Alexa Richards of Fort Collins, CO.

Jim was preceded in death by his wonderful wife Shirley; dear friend and companion Lois Latimer; and two precious daughters, Judy Rosencranz and Jennifer Lynn.

Cremation has already taken place. A memorial/celebration of life service will be held on September 2, 2023 at Noon at the Hillcrest Congregational United Church of Christ located at 611 South Hillcrest Drive. Arrangements are being handled under the direction of Crippin Funeral Home, 802 East Main Street, Montrose, CO 81401 (970) 249-2121.

*Now more than ever...*

*Thank you for reading*

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## ART &amp; SOL

## WINE &amp; ART, THE PERFECT PAIRING PART II



By Kathryn R. Burke

**REGIONAL-Let's continue with our Wine & Art Tour.** Galleries share art and wineries share vintages—perfect pairings from my point of view. Often, they combine wine with visual and performing arts, including live entertainment. One thing they all have in common is wine tastings, which is what makes this tour so much fun.

Last week we visited three wineries in **Paonia**. One has a yacht club! Two also show art. One also hosts live entertainment and offers art classes. Our next stop is **Cedaredge**, where we will spend a day at the AppleShed. Then on to **Montrose** for another day when we will visit LaNoue DuBois Winery, (which makes wine and supports the creative community), and Mosaic Montrose (which shows art and serves wine) in Montrose. Next week, we'll conclude our tour in **Ridgway**. For sure, wherever we go, we will have fun!

**New day, new destination: Cedaredge.**

We'll make one stop here and spend the whole day at the AppleShed. AppleShed & Williams Cellars in Cedaredge, owned by artist Connie Williams and her husband, Dan, the winemaker, was originally a real apple shed. The area was, and still is, a prolific fruit producer. The sprawling building now is known for its multiple galleries representing many fine local artists. You may find some of them making art at various spots around the building. And the Williams family also makes their own wines, bottling them downstairs where apples were once stored. Connie Williams is an artist and she designed many of the labels. The shopping there is fabulous—art, jewelry, home furnishings and decor, a kitchen shop, gourmet food items, and wonderful artistic and vintage clothing. They also have a bake shop and a great deli. (Try the

apple milkshake in the fall, delicious!) Make a day of it. We always do. Shop, sip, then sit and snack in the deli, while you admire your purchases. (You'll need several shopping bags!) AppleShed also hosts school and community events, the latter with wine, of course. At annual school art events, young art students can earn prizes. The AppleShed, 250 S. Grand Mesa Drive, Cedaredge. (970) 856-7007  
**Next stop, Montrose.** We'll visit LaNoue DuBois, a family-run winery growing grapes on 3rd-generation farmland. The family's iconic old stone house is next to the Tasting Room and wine-making and storage facility. Later, we'll head back to town and stop at Mosaic, a clever downtown boutique and gallery that serves LaNoue Dubois wines (along with a variety of other adult beverages.) Both locations also host events and offer art classes. My alcohol ink classes are a favorite at

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each...maybe because you can imbibe it as well as paint with it (although you cannot drink the colorful kind you paint with).

LaNoue DuBois Winery in Montrose has indoor and outdoor tasting room seating areas and hosts conferences and events, including a monthly Ladies Night, dance classes, live entertainment, and a host of other creative activities.

Local organizations, holding fundraiser wine-tastings, and private groups when they request it, are treated to a facility tour, with winemaker Lee LaNoue explaining how their award-winning wines are made, aged, and bottled downstairs in the cellar, beneath the tasting room.

The winery's name comes from the family's last name, LaNoue, and the matriarch's family name, Woods.

The winery and surrounding property are part of the ancestral Woods Estate; the vineyard is still called Woods Estate Vineyard and practices sustainable farming methods utilizing solar irrigation. We *love* this place—their award-winning wines are excellent, which is perfect since we live close by. LaNoue DuBois Winery, 67289 Trout Road, Montrose, (970) 964-5112.





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# A LOVE STORY LOST IN TIME



**The Alonzo and Annie Hartman Dos Rios Ranch mansion, built in 1892, became the ex-officio headquarters for the filming of "Where The Gunnison River Flows," a 1923 silent film produced in conjunction with the Cattlemen's Days celebration. The small house on the left is the original Hartman house. Photo courtesy of the Gunnison Pioneer's Museum.**

By Bob Cox

GUNNISON—Just over a century ago a group of Gunnison citizens envisioned a project whereby the Cattlemen's Days celebration could be documented in a Hollywood style movie and, in the process, promote the annual celebration and maybe even put Gunnison on the map for future films. They also proposed to highlight the lives of some of the long-time Gunnison residents. Famous director Wade Clack agreed to direct the film and, along with his wife, made the trip from Los Angeles to fulfill the plan. Cameraman Hugh McClung joined them a few days later.

The *Elk Mountain Pilot*, in their July 12, 1923 edition, described the upcoming filming of the movie in detail:

*Wade Hampton Clack and Vera E. Clack are preparing to begin work on a Comedy, descriptive of Gunnison County with a local cast. This picture has been arranged for by the people of the town of Gunnison and will take in, besides various county scenes, several exposures of the events of Cattlemen's Days. A telegram just received by Mr. Clack announces that the camera man, Hugh McClung, formerly with Dug.*

*Fairbanks, left Los Angeles Thursday morning and will arrive in Gunnison Sunday morning. Work on the picture will begin Monday morning. The leading characters of the local cast are Leonard Lashbrook, Thelma Seville, Pat O'Fallon and Mrs. F. Johnston Outcalt. Among the scenes that are to be produced are an old-time wagon train of covered wagons and ox teams. Mining scenes, river scenes and many others. It is hoped that very many more than usual of the people who attend Cattlemen's Days on the first day will come on horseback and participate in the parade which will be filmed for this picture. Turn out, ye boys and girls, and ye old folks too. It is your chance to get into the movies. The completed picture will be run at the Unique theatre the last of the month, and we imagine will be one of the best patronized ever shown in that popular play house.*

On July 18, 2023 the Cattlemen's Day parade stretched along Main Street. The newspapers reported that the crowd was a little larger than normal, largely because of the presence of the camera man and director, who were up on a stand in front of Dr. Hanson's home. The camera focused on parts of the parade and various members of the crowd.

The *Gunnison News-Champion* evidently had access to most of the script. On July 20, 1923, the paper printed a synopsis of the story. Parts included:

*The story is wound around the lives of Estelle Gray and John McDowell, first as children, then as man and maid. The first scene is that of the wagon train of pioneer settlers of Gunnison, made on the sage brush hills and flats surrounding Gunnison. The leaders of the train, Rocky Mountain Frank and Peter McDowell, are shown locating the site for their future home, which is by the river... Several years pass. The travelers have settled by the river in the spot which the leaders found. Peter McDowell dies, leaving a five-year-old son, who is placed in the care of Rocky Mountain Frank, and McDowell's property left in trust with him before he leaves, Frank's little daughter, Estelle, to whom John is*

*very devoted, gives him a broken doll, the greatest gift, in her child mind, that 'she could bestow. Time goes on, and John comes home, a handsome college lad, fresh from Yale, to find his childhood sweetheart blossomed into a lovely girl.*

The article gets into a very descriptive account of the scenery and ultimately describes how the two young lovers sit beside the river where the hero shows the young lady the doll that she gave him years before. Then, as described by the writer, "The climax comes at the LeVeta ball, when they slip away and are married."

According to the *Elk Mountain Pilot*, on July 19, 1923, the film included shots of the Palisades, a significant portion of the Gunnison River and scenes of Gothic, the Dos Rios ranch and the Walker ranch. The article, in part related:

*The story is woven around the children of two old settlers. T. W. Gray and Bob Potter take these parts. The young folks are played by Leonard Lashbrook and Miss Margaret Owen, with Junior McCulley and Bernice Benes as doubles, respectively. The rest of the cast includes all the old timers and leading citizens of the county. On Friday morning at the Dos Rios ranch all the pioneers gathered for the picture. There was much handshaking and renewing of old acquaintances. This special scene was at the death of the old father (T. W. Gray) and all his old friends came to the old home. There were four shots made of this group. Orders for these still photos will be taken by Mr. Clack at the Gunnison Commercial Hotel.*

By the end of July, the movie was completed and sent off to Los Angeles to be developed. Cameraman McClung promised the finished product would be available for public viewing the first week of August, and probably would be introduced at the Unique Theater by one of the local old timers. On August 6, 1923 the film began a week-long engagement. The Unique raised their prices to 25 cents for children and 50 cents for adults, but promised that other "regular" features would also be shown each night.

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On August 10, 1923, *The Gunnison News-Champion* printed a review of the film, reiterating the basics of the movie and concluded that the use of local talent "lent much color to the story, which, though deficient in plot, had a real heart gripping appeal."

Films of the time were nitrate based and subject to deterioration. While the film pretty much just faded into history, it reappeared for a brief showing in 1968. *The*

*Top O' The World*, a publication of Western State College announced a fundraiser to benefit the upcoming Cattlemen's Rodeo. The advertisement in the March 27, 1968 edition of the newsletter read:

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While the college paper incorrectly printed the year of filming as 1915, they have the distinction of being one of the last, if not the last, references to the movie that was supposed to make Gunnison a mecca for Hollywood films.



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RIDGWAY-The beautiful town of Ridgway is known for spectacular scenery, railroads, ranching, recreation and of course: the Ridgway Rendezvous Arts and Crafts Festival held every year in August for the past 37+ years.

In its 38th year, Weehawken Creative Arts will welcome over 90 juried artists and craftsmen from across the United States on August 12th and 13th in the Town of Ridgway's historic and central Hartwell park.

All types of fine arts and original crafts will be represented at this show with the caveat being that goods must be hand-made. Additionally, there will be a diverse assortment of food concessions offering everything from bar-b-que to crepes and sno-cones. This year's event will also feature the delicious brews from regional breweries and will also feature signature drinks such as margaritas, bloody marys and wine.

This two-day festival offers plenty for you to enjoy all day long throughout each day. The entertainment on the Main Stage runs continuously on both days of the show with musicians such as Donny Morales, Haro and the Dark, Heather and Doug, Solohawk, Til Willis and more. Watch art transpire as live demonstrations of all types are scheduled by guest artists from around the region throughout each day.

These events are perfect for all ages; having plenty of extra special things for families and kids to do – even just playing in the incredible park or walking on the gorgeous river trail between events!

On Saturday and Sunday, children will enjoy riding the Ridgway Fire Department (play) train, the Ridgway Railroad Museum's (real) train, or creating at the hands-on arts and crafts tent provided by the host organization throughout both days of the event. In addition to the visiting artists and vendors at the event, visitors have the

option of also shopping and dining in what's become known as a foodie-town both days.

The Ridgway Rendezvous Arts and Craft Festival is located at the junction of Highways 550 and 62 in Southwest Colorado, Gateway to the beautiful San Juan Mountains.

The show runs on Saturday from 9 am until 5 pm and on Sunday from 10 am until 4 pm. Admission to the Ridgway Rendezvous on Saturday and Sunday is FREE, so make plans to bring your whole family and a car load of friends for a fun weekend in Ridgway Colorado! For more information, contact Weehawken Creative Arts

at [questions@weehawkenarts.org](mailto:questions@weehawkenarts.org) or call 970-318-0308 or 970-318-0150

This event is sponsored by Weehawken Creative Arts and is a fundraiser for the children's arts programming offered through Weehawken as well as Weehawken Youth Scholarships.

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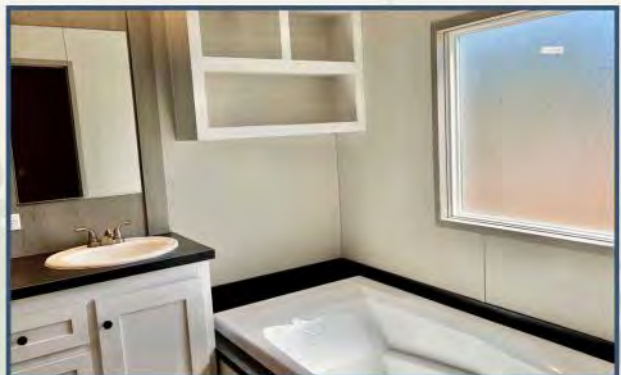


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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

# FREE ENTRY TO COLORADO STATE PARKS FOR MILITARY AND VETERANS IN AUGUST

*Special to the Mirror*

DENVER – As a thank you to U.S. military members, Colorado Parks and Wildlife offers active duty military, veterans and the National Guard free admission to all state parks for the month of August.

Military members and veterans, resident and nonresident, can pick up a free August Military Pass at any Colorado state park or CPW office by showing proof of service. Passes become available on Aug. 1, 2023 and are available for service members only.

The free park pass provides a chance to experience Colorado's state parks and the diverse wildlife and landscapes the state provides. All other park fees remain in effect, including camping reservations, boat and off-highway vehicle registrations, and hunting and fishing licenses. The pass is not valid for accessing State Wildlife Areas and State Trust Lands.

To help plan a unique Colorado adventure, visit the CPW park finder. State park outdoor recreation activities include:

Water sports- boating, kayaking, paddle boarding and swimming

Wildlife and wildflower viewing, birdwatching and tours with naturalists

Hiking, horseback riding, biking and rock climbing

Stargazing and geocaching

Accessibility programs are available to people with disabilities

Additional benefits

CPW offers several additional military benefits to active duty military, veterans and disabled veterans. Programs include:

Free admission to state parks on Veterans Day

Year-round free entry to all state parks to residents with Colorado Disabled Veteran and Purple Heart license plates

Free lifetime small game and fishing combination license for qualified disabled veterans

Free Independence Pass which provides unlimited access to all Colorado state parks year-round to Colorado resident veterans with qualifying service-connected disabilities

For more information about Colorado's state parks, visit the CPW website.



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# MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY

## ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH

Member of the Diocese of the Rocky Mountains and the Anglican Church in North America. Address: 2057 S. Townsend, Montrose, CO 81401.

**Office Hours:** Varies and by appointment  
Contact Information: (970) 249-2451 <https://www.allsaintsmontrose.org/>

**Priest:** The Rev Preston Gordon.

**Worship Service Times:** Sunday, 9AM, Holy Eucharist. Wednesdays, 11AM Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing.

Wednesday, Noon, Multi-denominational Community Prayer Hour.

There are multiple Bible Studies during the week.

All Saints Anglican Church is Biblical, Anglican and Orthodox. The order of service is from the Anglican Church in North America Book of Common Prayer (2019). Music is a combination of traditional hymns, contemporary, and more modern songs.

Children's Christian Education Program is conducted during the 9AM service. This is a

family-sized church that welcomes all individuals and families. We are currently comprised of families and singles, ages 13 to 90. Fellowship time follows each Sunday Service with a fellowship meal following the service on the 3d Sunday.

Welcome home to a family celebrating Christ, in fellowship, growing in the truth of God's Word, with worship in the Anglican tradition. Mission statement: Restoring Hope.

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## BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Independent Baptist  
112Main St.  
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Pastor Gabe Skillo

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Sunday 6 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study/Prayer 7 p.m.

## CELEBRATION CHURCH

**Denomination:** Southern Baptist Church (SBC – Southern Baptist Convention)  
**Address:** 2900 Sunnyside Road, Montrose, CO 81401

**Office Hours:** By appointment

**Phone:** (970) 497-4925

**Email:** [celebrationmontrose@gmail.com](mailto:celebrationmontrose@gmail.com)

**Website:** <https://celebrationmontrose.org/>

**Senior Pastor:**

Pastor Brandon Mathis

**Church Description/Mission:** Celebration Church makes disciples that make disciples. Our core values include the Scripture, discipleship, community, service, prayer, love, and unity.

**Demographics:** Multi-generational

**Celebration Kids:** Nursery (Birth-4 years old) 8am, 9:30am & 11am  
Celebration Kids (Ages 5 – 10) 9:30am & 11am

**Discipleship:** Students (Ages 11-18) 9:30am Sundays

Adult D2 Classes: 9:30am & 11am Sundays

**Other Discipleship Opportunities:**

Youth Night: First & Third Wednesdays of month 6pm

Celebration Groups (all ages): Sundays – Fridays various times & locations

Seasons Young Adult (Ages 18-26) Celebration Group: Thursdays @ 5:30pm off campus location

Celebrate Recovery: Friday nights @ 6:30pm

## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Denomination:** Christ Lutheran Montrose  
**Affiliation:** Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

**Address:** 1980 N. Townsend Ave., Montrose, CO 81401

**Contact:** 970-633-0226

**Website:** [www.montroselutheran.org](http://www.montroselutheran.org)

**Email:** [montroselutheran@gmail.com](mailto:montroselutheran@gmail.com)

**Pastor:** Tim Onnen

**Worship:** Sundays at 9 AM

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class at 10:15 AM; Women's Bible Study Fridays at 9 AM. At Christ Lutheran Montrose you will

find friendly people gathered in a welcoming environment being comforted and encouraged by the forgiveness and love of Jesus, and sharing that with one another.

We are a small congregation of seniors and middle-aged, sprinkled with young children and teenagers.

## FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

**Denomination:** Church of the Nazarene

**Address:** 705 South 12th Street

**Office Hours:** Monday - Thursday 9 am-Noon and by Appointment

**Contact Information:** Office Phone 970 249-9213, [mncfirst@gmail.com](mailto:mncfirst@gmail.com), [www.montrosenazarenechurch.org](http://www.montrosenazarenechurch.org)

**Pastor:** Buddy Cook

**Services** Sunday: Worship 10 AM, Adult Bible Study 11:30 AM Worship includes age-appropriate children's ministry during adult worship.

Wednesday: Prayer Boot Camp - 7 PM  
Mission Statement: *Montrose First Church of the Nazarene exists to make Christlike*

*disciples in Montrose Colorado and around the world.*

**Demographics:** Our church consists of older and younger people. We have younger families with children and young teens and older adults as well. We also support the work of Calvary Ranch Colorado and its addiction recovery ministry.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MONTROSE

**Affiliation:** Presbyterian

**Address:** 1840 E Niagara Rd. Montrose CO.

81401 **Office Hours:** M-Thu 9AM -

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**Pastor:** Jesse Mabanglo

**Worship Service times:** 9:30AM, Student Worship at 6PM. *We strive to encourage, challenge and support one another*

*er through spiritual growth, worship, and service in our community, country, and world. We also encourage children and youth to grow their relationship with Christ through our children and student ministries.*



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## HILLCREST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Denomination affiliation:** United Church of Christ

**Address:** 611 South Hillcrest Drive, Montrose, CO 81401

**Office hours:** By appointment

**Contact information:**

Phone number: (970) 249-9047

Email address: [office@montroseucc.org](mailto:office@montroseucc.org)

Website: [montroseucc.org](http://montroseucc.org)

**Current Pastor:** Rev. Wendy Kidd

**Worship service times:** Sunday, 10 a.m.

Hillcrest Congregational UCC is a welcoming, open and affirming church, open to all no matter who you are or where you are

on life's journey.

Church demographics: HCUCC welcomes all ages to worship with

us. (predominately family, youth, seniors, singles)

We offer inter-generational worship with a children's "prayer-ground" and activity packets. A cry room is also available.

## MONTROSE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Denomination Affiliation:** United Methodist

**Address:** 19 S. Park Avenue Montrose CO. 81401

**Office Hours:** M-Thu, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Contact Information:** 970-249-3716, [office@montroseumc.org](mailto:office@montroseumc.org), [mont-](http://montroseumc.org)

[montroseumc.org](http://montroseumc.org)

**Current Senior Pastor:** Rev. Kevin Young

**Worship service times:**

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual

9:45 a.m. Christian Education & Fellowship

11 a.m. Sanctuary

Montrose UMC is a leader in being fully inclusive, loving, and just servants of

Christ. Our church family welcomes people from various cultural and faith backgrounds: single, married, remarried, with or without children, from diapers to den-

tures. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey we invite you to come discover hope, joy, peace, purpose.

## ROSEMONT BAPTIST CHURCH

**Affiliation:** Southern Baptist

**Address:** 1598 E. Niagara Road, Montrose, CO 81401

**Office Hours:** Tues-Thu, 9am-4pm

**Contact information:**

Phone: 970.249.4887

website: [www.RosemontBaptist.org](http://www.RosemontBaptist.org)

email: [office@rosemontbaptist.org](mailto:office@rosemontbaptist.org)

**Senior Pastor:** Rolland Kenneson

**Worship Service Times:** Our engaging and relevant Sunday Worship Service is at

10:45 AM. We also have Bible Study for All Ages Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM. We provide a professionally-staffed nursery throughout both.

Rosemont Baptist's desire is to passionately bring people face-to-face with the life-changing power of Jesus Christ.

We are a multigenerational church from different walks of life who love Jesus, love each other, and love our community. Everyone comes dressed in whatever is comfortable. We love meeting new people no

matter what stage of life they are in.

**Children's services:** We have a fun Sunday School for children from four years old through youth. We provide Children's Church during the Sunday Worship Services where children four years old through 9 years can learn to be worshippers of Jesus.

We provide a nursery for children under four years old with paid staff providing excellent care during Sunday Morning Bible Study and Worship Service.

## SPIRITUAL AWARENESS CENTER

**Denomination affiliation:** Independent Interfaith

**Address:** Meeting at Lions Park Community Building, 602 N. Nevada, Montrose

Office hours: Tues-Fri, 9 am to 4 pm,

**Home Office** – 970-252-0908

**Contact information:** Rev. Dr. Arlyn Macdonald, 970-252-0908,

[arlyn@spiritaware.org](mailto:arlyn@spiritaware.org),

[www.spiritaware.org](http://www.spiritaware.org)

**Name of current pastor:** Rev. Dr. Arlyn

Macdonald, Senior Minister; Rev. Catharine Gates, Associate Minister. Spiritual counseling available.

**Worship service times:** In-person Sunday Unity Service at 11 a.m., (Social Time begins at 10 a.m.); Quiet Meditation at 10:30 a.m. Virtual Afternoon Service on Zoom at 2:00 p.m.; Chai Chats, a Wednesday morning midweek informal gathering at 10:30 a.m. at Pun Hill Himalayan Restaurant, Montrose; Thursday Empowerment Circle at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom. Everyone is wel-

come. The Spiritual Awareness Center is an interfaith spiritual community welcoming spiritual seekers and people of all faiths, providing a safe place to explore and nurture the individual's unique connection to the Divine through Unity services, classes, family and community projects, including the Great Community Give-away and Wellness Fair. People of all ages are welcome. There are currently no Sunday School or nursery services provided but craft supplies are available for youth.

## SUMMIT CHURCH OF MONTROSE:

**Denomination affiliation:**

Southern Baptist

**Address:** 10977 60.75 Rd. Montrose, CO 81403

**Office hours:** Varies

**Contact information:**

phone number: 970-275-7026

email: [summitchurchmontrose@gmail.com](mailto:summitchurchmontrose@gmail.com)

website: [www.summitchurchmontrose.org](http://www.summitchurchmontrose.org)

**Name of current Senior Pastor:** John De-

Sario

**Worship service times:** Sunday Worship is at 9 am followed by a time of fellowship and snacks. Summit Church has frequent Bible studies and other events for adults, young adults, youth and children. Please visit <https://www.summitchurchmontrose.org/events> for more information.

Summit Church Montrose is a new church plant that preaches the Word of God,

reaches the lost with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and equips Christians to serve the Lord. Summit Church has people of all ages!

We have families with children (babies, school aged, recent high school and college graduates) There are retired couples and widows. During the Sunday sermon we offer teaching for children ages birth to Kindergarten, in a kid friendly room called Base Camp.

## MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY From previous pg

### VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH OF MONTROSE

**Denomination Affiliation:** Independent Baptist

**Address:** 2890 N Townsend Ave., Montrose, CO 81401

**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday 8am-12pm

**Contact Information:** Phone (970) 249-

6874; email at [info@vbcmontrose.org](mailto:info@vbcmontrose.org);

website: [vbcmontrose.org](http://vbcmontrose.org)

**Current Pastor:** Roland Kassales

**Worship Service Times:** Sunday School at 9:30am, Sunday AM Service at 10:30am, Sunday PM Service at 6pm, Wednesday Night Service at 6:30pm (all services include childcare)

*Victory Baptist Church exists to exalt God, edify saints, and evangelize the lost.*

*Demographics: Victory Baptist serves everyone with age-appropriate classes, groups, and activities. Families with children make up the majority of VBC with young adults, singles, middle-aged couples, and seniors comprising the rest.*

#### Church Directory

#### Mirror Editorial Staff

MONTROSE-As a way of serving the faith community in Montrose, the Montrose Mirror is in the process of establishing a Church Directory. If your congregation or fellowship would like to be included in the directory, please supply the following

#### information to the Montrose Mirror:

Name of church

Denomination affiliation

Address Office hours

Contact information (phone number, email address, website)

Name of current Senior Pastor

Worship service times

Please give a one sentence description of your church and its mission in the Montrose community.

Brief description of your current church demographics (predominately family, youth, seniors, singles).

Do your church services include Sunday School and childcare?

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# COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

## CAREGIVER SUMMIT AIMS TO EASE 'THE HARDEST JOB'

*Special to the Mirror*

REGIONAL-Overwhelmed. It is hard to put into words what happens to someone whose loved one has received the life sentence of neurological decline. The condition is known by many names such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Dementia, etc. But overwhelmed comes as close as any word to describing that feeling of despair and isolation when they hear the diagnosis.

Even though brain failure is not uncommon,

few folks who will become caregivers to such a patient are prepared for the onslaught of questions. They don't know where to turn for comfort and understanding. Fortunately, there is help, not only for new caregivers but for those who have been in the trenches for a while.

The Caregivers Support Foundation, a Montrose-based non-profit, whose mission is to improve the lives of caregivers and the Region 10 Area Agency for Aging are teaming up to provide the Family Caregiver Summit on Octo-

ber 6 at the Montrose Pavilion. The Summit will be a safe haven for caregivers and their loved ones who are able to attend. It is designed to supply a brief alternative to the painful isolation endured by caregivers. The Summit also will offer a slate of speakers who not only provide discourse but will answer questions from the audience.

Sandy Walker, the Region 10 Ombudsman, is one of three speakers. Walker captures the essence of her title with massive experience in discovering and developing resources for people who have the hardest job in the world. Walker thinks that it may not be a matter of if, but when one could become a caregiver.

"Every single one of us, if we live long enough, is likely to experience being a family caregiver, needing a family caregiver, or both. Each year, more than 53 million family caregivers provide the majority of support that makes it possible for older people and people with disabilities to live in the community."

In her presentation at the Family Caregiver Summit, Walker will share details and provide the location of sources such as the Region 10 system.

"The first thing I would recommend is reaching out to a known, trusted source like the Area Agency on Aging for advice about how to go ahead should someone suddenly need to assume the role of family caregiver. The question is not if you will be called to act as a family caregiver but how you will respond," Walker explained.

In addition to Walker there are two other speakers on the program. Dr. Michael Hehmann, a Montrose physician who specializes in neurology, will discuss the diagnosis of conditions such as Alzheimer's. He will outline the early progression and what a patient and caregiver can expect. Dr. Hehmann also will give some insight into the medications he prescribes.

Laird Landon, Chair of the Caregiver Support Foundation, will share the caregiver's journey. From his own experiences as a caregiver and more than a decade of work with others, Landon will supply a detailed description of what a caregiver can expect during their tenure.

The Summit venue will include a number of vendors and caregiver support professionals who will answer questions and direct caregivers in their journey.

The event will run from 1 pm to 4:30 pm and is open to everyone. Visit [www.region10.net](http://www.region10.net) and click on "Register" to become part of the 2023 Family Caregiver Summit. If you would like to contact the Caregiver Support Foundation, visit [family-caregiver.org](http://family-caregiver.org).

You may contact the foundation by email at [laird@family-caregiver.org](mailto:laird@family-caregiver.org) or call 970-787-2343.

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**Mimo's**  
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**Fiesta Guadalajara**  
**970-249-2460**

**Pahgre's**  
**970-249-6442**

**Alpen Confections**  
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**Rib City**  
**970-249-7427**

**Remington's at the Bridges**  
**970-252-1119**



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**970-249-5550**

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# COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

## CELEBRATE THE END OF A RAWR-SOME DIG SEASON AT MYGATT-MOORE QUARRY!

### Special to Art & Sol

FRUITA— The Museums of Western Colorado invites everyone to join them for an exciting celebration marking the end of a successful dig season. The event will take place on Aug. 11, 2023, from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm, at the Mygatt-Moore Quarry located at The Trail Through Time, exit 2 in Mack.

Guests will have the opportunity to dig for fossils, join Curator and paleontologist Dr. Julia McHugh for a tour of the quarry, take a guided hike on the Trail Through Time, or relax and enjoy the party. Tickets are available for purchase and include access to all activities, as well as one token per person for wine, food, and drink. Addi-

tional food and drink can be purchased during the event. Water will be provided free of charge.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a water bottle, comfortable clothes and shoes suitable for hiking and digging. The event will provide a unique opportunity to learn more about the rich geological history of the area while enjoying an evening of refreshments and entertainment.

To purchase tickets, please visit [www.museumofwesternco.com/event/dinos-dusk/](http://www.museumofwesternco.com/event/dinos-dusk/)

**For more information about the celebration visit:** [www.mowc.co](http://www.mowc.co) Instagram: @museumsofwesternco Facebook: @crossorchards Twitter: @museumsofwc

You Tube: Museums of Western Colorado.

**About:** Museums of Western Colorado includes three museums: Cross Orchards Historic Site, Dinosaur Journey Museum, and Museum of the West. The Museums of Western Colorado inspires and connects our community by championing the scientific and cultural heritage of the Colorado Plateau.

The Mygatt-Moore Quarry is a leading destination for fossil enthusiasts and amateur paleontologists from around the world. Situated in [Mack, Co], the quarry is known for its rich deposits and diverse fauna, as well as for the numerous scientific articles and documentaries generated based on its findings and studies.

*This property in the Brown Ranch Subdivision is waiting for you!*



**\$574,900**



**3625 MOCHA COURT, MONTROSE • MLS#803705**  
3 BEDROOMS, 2 BATHS, 2200 SQ. FT., 3-CAR GARAGE  
NEW CONSTRUCTION BUILT IN 2022-23, LOT SIZE .20 A



*Peg Evanoika*

**REALTOR**

SRES, Associate Broker  
Senior Real Estate Specialist

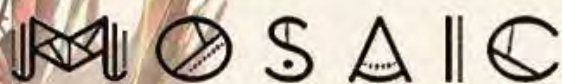
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This home on a cul-de-sac in Brown Ranch is 2200 square feet of luxurious living. The stucco home has a large, open living area with soft hues of grey, charcoal, and neutral that give a relaxing feel. The main bedroom suite features a soaker tub and dual walk-in closets. Designed with a split floor plan, the guest rooms and bath are opposite the common areas. A spacious dining room and covered patio are just waiting for you to start living and relaxing.

**Welcome Home!**



# Kate Burke Studio Fall Art Classes



21 N. Cascade Ave., Montrose

5:30-7:30 pm. Thur., Sept. 7



## Alcohol Ink



Includes  
grapevine  
wreath.

## DIY Fall Wreath



21 N. Cascade Ave., Montrose

5:30-7:30 pm. Thur., Sept. 21



## Ink & Drink at LaNou DuBois

Paint Wine Glasses with Alcohol Ink

1:30-3:30 pm. Sat., Sept. 23

Winery. 67289 Trout Rd. Montrose



**ALL CLASSES.** Demonstration, lots of instruction,  
and all materials plus a drink (alcohol or soft drink) included.

No experience necessary. Cash bar also open for creative inspiration!

Details and Register for classes at <https://kathrynrburke.com/education/>







# Local Immunization Providers

## PEAK PROFESSIONALS

1550 Niagara Road Montrose  
(970) 497-4921  
[peakpros.org](http://peakpros.org)

## PEDIATRIC ASSOCIATES

947 South Fifth Street Montrose  
(970) 249-2421 **VFC PROVIDER**  
[thepediatricassociates.com](http://thepediatricassociates.com)

## NORTHSIDE HEALTH CENTER

528 North Uncompahgre Ave Montrose  
(970) 240-6438 **VFC PROVIDER**  
[pfb.com/northsidechildhealthcenter](http://pfb.com/northsidechildhealthcenter)

## CEDAR POINT HEALTH

300 South Nevada Ave Montrose  
(970) 249-7751  
[cedarpointhealth.com](http://cedarpointhealth.com)

## BASIN CLINIC

421 Adams Street Naturita  
(970) 865-2665 **VFC PROVIDER (RHC)**  
[basinclinic.org](http://basinclinic.org)

## UNCOMPAHGRE MEDICAL CENTER

1350 South Aspen Street Norwood  
(970) 327-4233 **VFC PROVIDER (FQHC)**  
[umclinic.org](http://umclinic.org) **340B PARTICIPANT**

## DELTA COUNTY HEALTH DEPT

255 West Sixth Street Delta  
(970) 874-2165 **VFC PROVIDER**  
[deltacounty.com/8/personal-health-services](http://deltacounty.com/8/personal-health-services)

## RIVER VALLEY FAMILY HEALTH CENTERS

1010 Rio Grande Montrose  
(970) 497-3333  
308 Main Street Olathe  
(970) 323-6141  
[rivervalleyfhc.com](http://rivervalleyfhc.com)  
**340B PARTICIPANT & VFC PROVIDER (FQHC)**

## THE PIC PLACE

87 Merchant Drive Montrose  
(970) 252-8896  
[pic.place](http://pic.place)

## MESA COUNTY HEALTH DEPT

510 29 1/2 Rd Grand Junction  
(970) 248-6900 **VFC PROVIDER**  
[health.mesacounty.us/services/family/immunizations](http://health.mesacounty.us/services/family/immunizations)

## VFC (VACCINES FOR CHILDREN)

The Vaccines for Children Program (VFC) is a federally funded program that provides vaccines 0-18 years of age who are enrolled in Medicaid, who have no insurance, or who are American Indian / Alaska Native. \*Children who are underinsured may receive VFC vaccines at a federally qualified health center (FQHC) or rural health center (RHC).

## 340b

The 340b Drug Pricing Program is a US federal government program created in 1992 that requires drug manufacturers to provide outpatient drugs to eligible health care organizations and covered entities at significantly reduced prices.



**CITY MARKET SOUTH**

16400 South Townsend Ave Montrose  
(970) 240-1994 **340B PARTICIPANT**  
Register Online

Flu	Shingles
Pneumonia	MMR
Tdap	Rabies
Meningococcus	Polio
Chickenpox	Japanese Encephalitis
Hep A	Hep B
	COVID-19

**WALGREENS**

2351 South Townsend Ave Montrose  
(970) 252-1743  
Register Online

Flu	Shingles
Pneumonia	HPV
Tdap	MMR
Td or DT	Rabies
Meningitis	Polio
Varicella	Japanese Encephalitis
Hep A	Typhoid
Hep B	Hep A/Hep B
	COVID-19 (Moderna)

**CVS (IN TARGET)**

3530 Wolverine Dr Montrose  
(970) 497-8981  
Register online

Flu	MMR
Hep A	Tdap
Hep B	Varicella
Hep A/Hep B	Pneumococcal
HPV	Meningococcal
Shingles	Hep A/Hep B
Typhoid	Japanese Encephalitis
Polio, adult	COVID-19 (Pfizer & JJ)

**CITY MARKET NORTH**

128 South Townsend Ave Montrose  
(970) 249-2064 **340B PARTICIPANT**  
Register Online

Flu	Shingles
Pneumonia	MMR
Tdap	Rabies
Meningococcus	Polio
Chickenpox	Japanese Encephalitis
Hep A	Hep B
	COVID-19

**SAFEWAY**

1329 South Townsend Ave Montrose  
(970) 249-1160 **340B PARTICIPANT**  
Register online

Flu	Shingles
Pneumonia	Tetanus
HPV	Pertussis
MMR	Meningitis
Hep A	Hep B
	COVID-19

**WALMART**

16750 South Townsend Ave Montrose  
(970) 249-7742  
Walk-in's welcome

Flu	Hep A & Hep B
Shingles	IPV
Tdap	Varicella
Td	Pneumococcal
MMR	Meningococcal
	COVID-19 (Moderna & JJ)

**STACIE'S APOTHECARY SHOPPE**

112 Village Square West Ridgway  
(970) 626-7100

Flu	Pneumonia
Shingles	Tdap



Please note that this list is not exhaustive and is not an endorsement of any pharmacy or provider. Visit [www.cdc.gov/vaccines](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines) for the latest recommendations. Please contact your Pharmacy or Provider to confirm availability of vaccines. Montrose County Public Health will not provide immunizations after June 30th, 2020. Last Updated 7-25-2022.



# ***For Sale*** \$565,000

*Live in the country. Have animals, toys, room for projects  
AND be close to town!*



**MLS #**  
**801165**

*3+ bedrooms  
2 baths  
large shop  
9.8 acres/  
6.5 irrigated  
NO covenants*



What a stunning rural property with a beautiful home, GREAT SHOP/garage (1385 sq ft), sheds, hay storage, frost free waterer for the animals. This property is so nicely landscaped with lilium, iris' and more. Notice the aspens lining the drive. This beautiful modular



has oak cabinetry, wood grained vinyl plank flooring, carpet and wonderful windows for light and views. The split floor plan shows a spacious main suite with soaker tub. So much storage in this home, even the laundry is roomy.

***Come home to the way of life you've been looking for.***

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# SAVE THE DATE! LOCAL EVENTS CALENDAR

## ONGOING-

**MONTROSE ALTRUSA**-1st Tuesday of the month Program meeting; 2nd Tuesday of the month committee meeting; 3rd Tuesday of the month Business meeting. Meetings are held at the Field House on the corner of Colorado Avenue and Rio Grande Avenue at Noon.

**GRIEFSHARE SUPPORT GROUP** For anyone who has lost a loved one. Join at any time. Meets every Tuesday from 6:30-8:30pm for 13 weeks beginning Aug. 1st. (Aug. 1 thru Oct. 24) at Rosemont Baptist Church 1598 E. Niagara Rd. Montrose, CO 81401

Register at: [RosemontBaptist.org/events/griefshare](http://RosemontBaptist.org/events/griefshare) or call at (970)249-4887

**FREE THINKERS** meet 1st Sunday of the month for information call 970 417-4183

**RIDGWAY FARMERS MARKET** at Hartwell Park, May 26-Oct. 13-Fridays from 10am to 2pm. Please note that during the second week of August, the market will be held on Thursday, August 10th not Friday, August 11th due to the Ridgway Rendezvous.

## RIDGWAY TRUE GRIT WALKING TOUR

Re-live the exciting days in 1968 when Ridgway was transformed into Fort Smith, Arkansas and John Wayne, Henry Hathaway, Robert Duval and Glen Campbell came for the filming of True Grit. A guide will escort you to downtown filming locations and share insights about Ridgway's film history and little-known facts and anecdotes about the Duke. The tour was recognized by True West as Readers Choice for Best Historic Town Tour. Meet at Ridgway's Hartwell Park gazebo. **FREE!** Details: 469.682.9710 (Donations are welcome.) **3 pm every Friday from June 2 to Sept 1; 11 am Monday, September 4, 2023; 12 pm and 2 pm Saturday, September 23, 2023**

**SATURDAY: FREE TRAIN RIDES:** Free rides every Saturday through mid-October, 9 am - 3 pm, at the Ridgway Railroad Museum, 200 N. Railroad St, Ridgway.

**MONTROSE FARMERS MARKET**-Summer market every Saturday May-October from 9 am to 1 pm in Downtown Montrose. Fresh produce, local meats and eggs, baked goods, beautiful artisan crafts, live music, kids' activities. South Uncompahgre Avenue, Centennial Plaza and South First Street.

**BOSOM BUDDIES BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**, Wednesdays noon-12:45, 645 S. 5th Street

**MONTROSE HISTORICAL SOCIETY** meets 1st Wednesday of the month @ Montrose Events Center, 1036 No 7th Street 7 pm (970) 249-2085 [www.montrosehistory.org](http://www.montrosehistory.org)

**MONTROSE AREA WOODTURNERS** second Saturdays 9 am. 17800 - 6400 Rd in Montrose. Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners. Information: Al Head 970-209-0981 or [aheadaviation@outlook.com](mailto:aheadaviation@outlook.com)

**GREATER MONTROSE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS AFTER HOURS** – May 25.

**NURSE FAMILY PARTNERSHIP**-Breastfeeding Support Group on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month. An infant scale will also be available to check your baby's weight. Breastfeeding Support Group (Bring your questions and your family!) Montrose County Event Center (1036 North 7th Street Room 3) 10am - 12pm. Questions? Please call 970-252-5015.

**BINGO EVERY FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY** at 7pm at the American Legion Post 24 Olathe doors open at 5:30. Sunday Bingo will start at 1:30pm. More info call Tom 970 260 8298.

**THE HEALING COLLECTIVE OF WESTERN COLORADO** welcomes local practitioners, who focus on healing the whole being. Meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month and both are from Noon-1 pm, upstairs at the Mother Earth store on Main Street. We support one another with our practices, business, and personal needs. For more information please contact Erin Easton at [ErinKEaston@gmail.com](mailto:ErinKEaston@gmail.com)

**THE MONTROSE GENEALOGY CENTER** at 700 E. Main St. is now open Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, 1-4 p.m. or call for an appointment: 970-240-1755. Free help and resources for your family history research." (The center is sponsored by the non-profit organization, Fore-Kin Trails Genealogical Society.)

## MONTHLY

**Aug 2- Sept 6**-Mindful Communication-A six-week class teaching you how to use mindfulness to communicate effectively and peacefully so that we can all be heard even if we think differently. Wednesdays 7-8pm \$100/6 week class. Contact: 719-293-4600 [newleafmindfulness.com/group-classes](http://newleafmindfulness.com/group-classes)

**Aug. 7**-Montrose Women's Giving Club meets on Monday, August 7 at 5:30 at the Bridges Golf and Country Club. More than \$300K has been awarded to local non-profits. Always open to women, ALL women who have an interest in learning and giving to our community. \$100 plus a \$10 hospitality fee for a 1.5-hour meeting that guarantees to be time well spent. For Information call Phoebe 209-9598.

**Aug 7**-1 pm. Time Bank: How it started, What it is, How it works. With Kate Burke. FREE. Through Montrose Rec. District. Reservations, info., Cindy Marino. 970-252-4884. Senior Center, Montrose Pavilion.

**Aug. 8**-On Tuesday Aug. 8 at 5-630 Montrose library mtg rm. Citizens' Climate Lobby meets in person to promote local actions and education in climate. Non-partisan, national, environmental, All welcome info at 970-765-9095

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**Aug. 12**-Granny's Attic (Large Yard Sale) Saturday, Aug. 12, 8 am to 1 p.m. Montrose United Methodist Church 19 S. Park Ave, Montrose, (970) 249-3716.

**Sept. 16-17**-The much-anticipated Tribute to Aviation, the signature event hosted by Montrose Regional Airport, is officially set for Sept. 16-17, 2023. This crowd-favorite event is back this year after a break for a major airport construction and remodel project at Montrose Regional Airport. Tribute to Aviation is one of the largest static displays in the western United States featuring both military and civilian aircraft. To learn more about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Vendla Stockdale at [vstockdale@montrosecounty.net](mailto:vstockdale@montrosecounty.net) or 970-964-2479.

**READER PHOTO SPOTLIGHT: DEB REIMANN**



Photographer Deb Reimann snapped this photo of a Ouray mountaintop boarding house. "Magnificent views in this basin, but easy to imagine the extreme hardships workers endured when it wasn't a bluebird day as in the photo," Reimann said.

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